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65% already voted for NI

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With 34 more days for Northern Islands voters to avail of early voting, 128 out of 196 registered NI voters—or 65%—had already voted, according to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol yesterday.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiries about the ongoing NI early voting, Igitol said 65% with 34 more days to vote, is a good turnout.

"And I am hopeful they'll all vote before Nov. 7," she said.

Igitol said 117 voted at CEC in Susupe, while 11 are absentee voters.

"It's been slow this past week. We get one or two voters or none at all," she said.

CEC started the NI early voting last Sept. 23.

Igitol said of the 196 reg-

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Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol, left, supervises the early voting process for the Northern Islands at the CEC office in Susupe in this photo taken at the start of the early voting last Sept. 23. As of yesterday, 65% of NI voters already voted.

IN LAWSUIT FILED BY CUSTOMS CHIEF MAFNAS

Defense wants suit vs Atalig dismissed

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The defense counsel for Department of Finance Secretary David Atalig, one of the named defendants in Customs director Jose Mafnas' lawsuit, has reiterated its request to substitute the Commonwealth for Atalig and dismiss the current suit against the secretary.

Mafnas

In the recent motion filed by Atalig's lawyer, assistant attorney general Leslie Healer, the defense reiterates its intent to substitute Atalig for the Commonwealth in this case and have the court dismiss the lawsuit against Atalig.

"The Commonwealth prays that the court substitute the Commonwealth for Atalig as the party defendant; dismiss claims against Atalig

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'Senate makes CNMI stay within US Treasury's confines'

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House of Representatives minority leader Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said Saturday that he and two other members supported the House's first version of the budget bill for the government's operations in Fiscal Year 2023 because it was only the budget legislation before them on that day.

Speaking during Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' signing of a budget bill into law Saturday, Demapan said he, and Reps. Roy Christopher A. Ada (R-Saipan) and Patrick H.

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House of Representatives minority leader Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan), sitting second from right, explained on Saturday why he and two other members voted to pass the House's version of the budget bill for the government's operations in Fiscal Year 2023. Also in the photo, seated from left, are first lady Diann T. Torres, Sen. Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota), Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (R-Saipan), Demapan, and Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig.

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Local

Settlement reached in suit filed by taxi driver against ICE

The parties involved in the lawsuit filed by a local taxi driver against Immigration and Customs Enforcement have reached a settlement.

Last Friday, the parties in the lawsuit filed by Taxi driver Mohammed Mizanor Rahman and taxi operator Mohammed Habibur Rahman against ICE filed a stipulation informing the U.S. District Court for the NMI that it has reached a settlement in this suit.

The local taxi company and the driver are suing ICE for negligence after one of its employees allegedly caused a car crash on May 14, 2019, along Middle Road.

According to the stipulation, the parties are ready to move for dismissal of the case following the receipt of payment.

"The parties, by and through their undersigned counsel, jointly give notice that a settlement has been reached. The parties will file a stipulated dismissal with prejudice upon the plaintiffs' receipt of the settlement payment. The parties request that all upcoming deadlines and hearings be vacated," the stipulation stated.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, the plaintiffs, through their lawyer, Joseph Horey, have sought damages in the amount of $4,280 for Mizanor Rahman and $8,575.25 for Habibur Rahman following the collision between Mizanor and an ICE officer back in 2019.

According to the complaint, on or about May 14, 2019, Mizanor Rahman was driving a taxi in the southbound inner lane of Middle Road when the vehicle in front of him slowed down and came to a stop as its driver prepared to turn left into the parking lot of the DHL building.

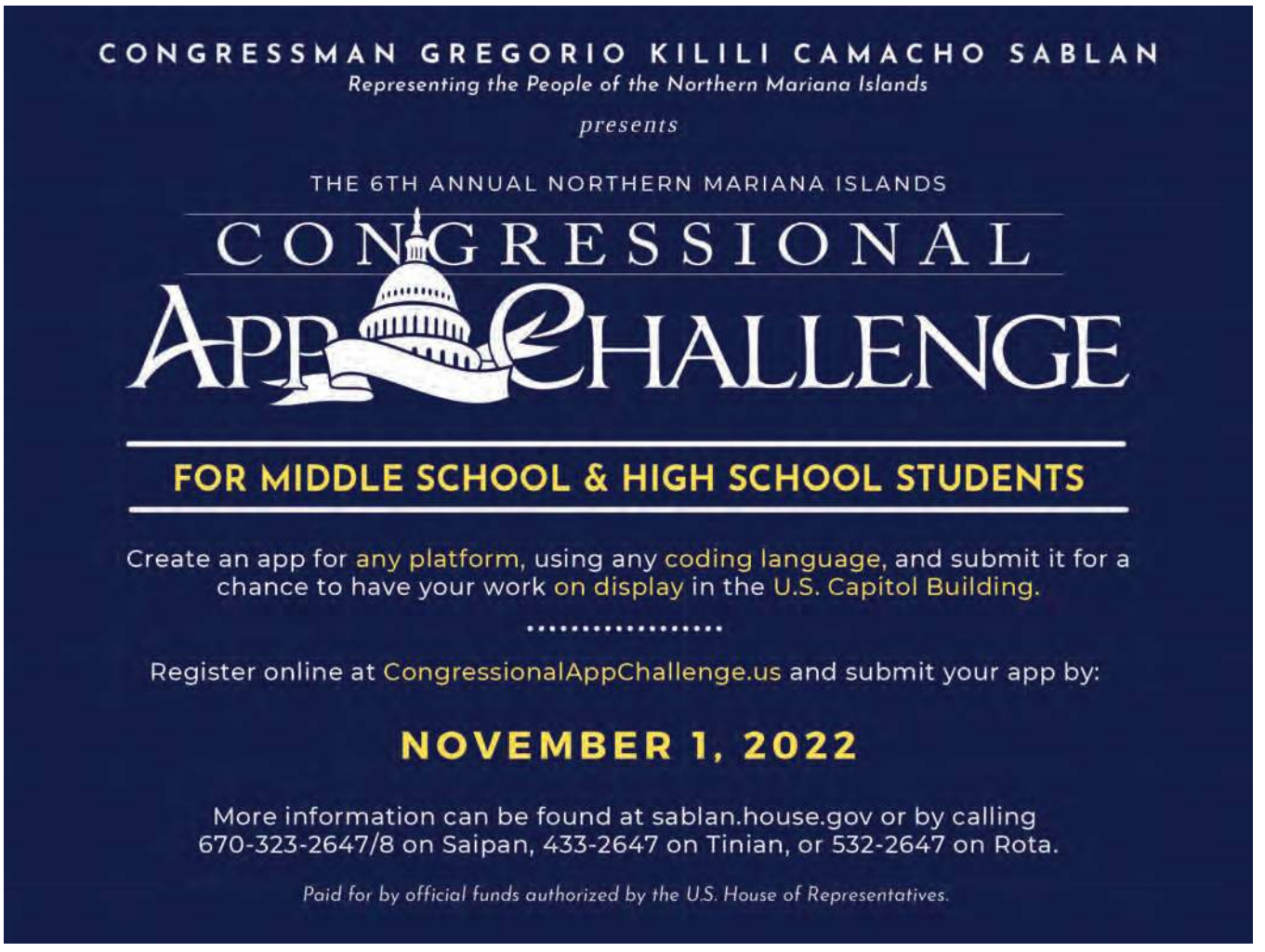
When Mizanor Rahman stopped behind the turning vehicle, the taxi he was driving was hit from behind by another car that was allegedly being driven by an ICE officer.

"[The officer] owed a duty of reasonable care to other users of the highway, and he breached that duty by failing to keep a proper lookout or take reasonable avoidance action. His negligence proximately caused the collision, and such negligence is imputed to the defendant," Horey said.

Horey claims that his client, Mizanor Rahman, suffered lost wages, out-of-pocket expenses, emotional distress, and business loss, while Habibur Rahman suffered damages in the form of repair costs and business loss.

Previously, Horey said his client submitted their claims to ICE but both claims were rejected without explanation prompting them to take their case to court.

"On or about July 16, 2019, Mizanor submitted his claim, in the amount of $4,280, to ICE. On or about July 16, 2019, Habibur submitted his claim, in the amount of $8,575.25, to ICE. On Aug. 26, 2021, ICE rejected both plaintiffs' claims without explanation," Horey said. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***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IT&E wins FCC licenses to expand, improve wireless services

PTI Pacifica Inc., which does business as IT&E, announced that it has won nine licenses from the Federal Communications Commission to operate on the 2.5 gigahertz (GHz) spectrum in Guam and the CNMI. This means that IT&E will be able to offer wireless services on this spectrum to connect more users and deliver faster speeds with lower latency.

"We're excited to win our share of these licenses and further improve wireless services to our community. It has always been our mission to provide the best possible wireless voice and data services to the people of Guam and the CNMI. Additionally, the 2.5 GHz spectrum is currently used by some of the nation's largest service providers to deliver 5G and we look forward to finding ways to leverage the spectrum to bring next-generation connections to our region," said IT&E CEO Jim Oehlerking

Spectrum refers to the radio frequencies on which wireless signals travel so that people can communicate with their mobile phones and other devices. The licenses allow IT&E to operate on this particular radio frequency.

The FCC put the 2.5 GHz spectrum licenses up for bid in an auction on July 29 as part of the U.S. government's efforts to expand access to citizens in rural areas and close the digital divide. IT&E was one of 63 winning bidders nationally and won the majority of spectrum available in Guam and the CNMI.

IT&E's current wireless services include LTE, WCDMA, and HSPA+ coverage in Guam and the CNMI. Additionally, IT&E operates a wireline and fiber network in the CNMI. ***(PR)***

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Leo Pangelinan, members of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, Sinot Manny F. Borja, master navigator Cecilio Raiukiulipiy, and members of the community proclaimed the month of October as CNMI Humanities Month last Friday at the Santa Lourdes Shrine.

Torres proclaims October CNMI Humanities Month

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In celebration of the different parts that make up the humanities in the nation and the islands, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proclaimed the month of October as CNMI Humanities Month at the Santa Lourdes Shrine last Friday.

Torres was joined by Northern Marianas Humanities Council executive director Leo Pangelinan, members of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, Sinot Manny F. Borja, master navigator Cecilio Raiukiulipiy, and members of the community for the proclamation signing.

With a theme of "Embracing Our Deep Connections" the month will not only highlight, but will also celebrate humanities involving studying, analyzing, interpreting, and documenting the course of history and culture in the Marianas; especially through the memories and stories of the islands' elders.

The proclamation also recognized the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, a private, non-profit corporation. The council has served the community since 1991 strengthening humanities in the Marianas through community outreach, education, and financial assistance awarded through its grant programs. The proclamation also stated that the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and the CNMI Office of the Governor will partner through the 2022 Governor's Humanities Awards, to recognize outstanding individual contributions in the humanities, as well as contributions made by donors and partners that have since sustained and strengthened humanities programming.

"The humanities allow us to delve into the concept of the human experience and teach us how to be critical thinkers and more informed citizens," Torres stated in the proclamation

Torres encouraged all CNMI residents to celebrate, participate in, and promote the humanities in their own respective communities, and villages especially with all the CNMI's diverse communities. He concluded by saying "Let us continue to support our Northern Marianas Humanities Council as a catalyst for discussions about who we are as a people."

The label humanities includes, but is not limited to, the study of language; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment.

Rep. Babauta says House stood firm on 4 contentious issues

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Rep. Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) said on Friday that there were at least four contentious issues that the House of Representatives' conferees knew they were not willing to concede to during their conference committee's meeting with the Senate's conferees in resolving differences in the budget bill for the government's operations in Fiscal Year 2023.

Speaking shortly after the House unanimously approved the bicameral conference committee's product and thereby passed the budget bill, Babauta disclosed that the House conferees stood firm that the approximately $881,000 in Cabinet salary increases be distributed to the municipalities.

Babauta, who was a member of the House conference committee, said the Senate conferees agreed and accepted their position.

She said the House conferees called on the Senate conferees to stand down on their suggestion to create a new liaison office for medical referral under the Office of the Governor.

Babauta said the Senate conferees yielded to their request.

As to the retirees' 25% pension benefits, the lawmaker said the House conferees were adamant and insisted that a funding source be identified.

She said they insisted and the exact amount be identified by the secretary of Finance to fully fund the 25% of retirees' pension not just for a quarter, but for the entire fiscal year. "And along with that, it took care of any reprogramming language that the Senate inserted and the Senate acquiesced to this request," Babauta said.

She said the House conferees were also firm that the funding source for the local match of the Medicaid be identified by the secretary of Finance to fully fund the entire fiscal year, not just the first quarter.

The lawmaker said they also required Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig to provide documentation of his assurance of the funding and he delivered that letter late Thursday night to the conference committee

Babauta said many other concessions were made on both aisles and the product put forth is really a concerted effort by the members of the conference committee.

She said both had the same goal in mind—lay down arms and go to the conference committee to negotiate.

"And in any negotiation, one must give up in order to gain. As a bipartisan party, the conference committee sacrificed our priorities so that our people would gain. They are our priority and the bipartisan budget that we just adopted and passed is a testament to that," Babauta said.

She said they have included more funding for the municipalities and averted a government partial shutdown.

"We took care of the retirees' full pensions for an entire year. And that to me is a win-win situation for the community we served," Babauta said.

She thanked House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) for allowing her the opportunity to participate in that process, and also the understanding with the fellow conferees both on the Senate and House side.

Babauta said House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota), who chairs the House conference committee, took charge of the meeting.

"Everything went smoothly. There was absolutely no resistance from the Senate counterpart, so I want to thank them as well," she added.

Commending the Senate for its swift action, while expressing utter disappointment in the House's majority for failure to expeditiously pass the budget bill, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the budget bill into law Saturday morning, averting a partial government shutdown.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Reps. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Celina R. Babauta (D-Saipan) are all smiles after the House of Representatives adjourned their emergency session Friday afternoon, in which they unanimously approved the bicameral conference committee's product and thereby passed a budget bill for the government's operations in Fiscal Year 2023.

AS IPI FOUND IN CONTEMPT ANEW

Court approves second amended consent judgment

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The Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has been found in contempt anew of the injunction previously issued in favor of the United States Department of Labor for violating H2-B regulations under both the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, and the and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Previously, USDOL informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that IPI should be found in contempt anew for violating the H-2B regulations under the INA, and the FLSA for their failure to pay the promised rate and the accompanying FLSA overtime premium to those hired under the H-2B program.

"Based on these violations, defendants are again in contempt of the Court's injunction against violations of the FLSA," District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona stated in her order.

Because of these violations, the court has also granted the second amended consent judgment sought by USDOL in order for IPI to purge themselves from contempt.

The recently approved consent judgment mirrors the first amended consent judgment which was approved by the court back in March 2021.

The first amended consent judgment required defendant IPI to make payments for unpaid minimum wage and overtime premiums pursuant to a series of payments and comply with other court conditions.

Under the second amended consent judgment, IPI must pay a total amount $2,195,726.01, which is comprised of: $1,010,416.04 in back wages, and an additional equal amount as liquidated damages of $1,010,416.04, and an additional amount of $174,893.93 as civil monetary penalties.

According to court documents, back on April 11, 2019, USDOL, IPI, and its mother company, IPI Holdings Ltd., entered into a consent judgment related to alleged labor violations at the IPI construction site.

IPI first violated the consent judgment on Dec. 1, 2019, when it failed to pay USDOL $1,020,000.

In May 2020, USDOL discovered that IPI was not meeting its payroll obligations and was not in compliance with the judgment's prohibition against violating the FLSA.

After unsuccessfully making every effort to secure IPI's compliance with the judgment, on Dec. 16, 2020, USDOL filed a petition for contempt because IPI failed to meet payroll obligations, required employees to work without pay, failed to provide payments to the Secretary of Labor, and other requirements per the 2019 consent judgment.

On Jan. 21, 2021, a hearing was held on USDOL's contempt petition and, based on the evidence presented by USDOL, the court found the defendants in contempt of court for the continuous violation of the 2019 consent judgment by failing to make the scheduled payments and by violating the FLSA.

In a follow-up hearing on Jan. 28, 2021, IPI reported that it satisfied a portion of the consent judgment, including paying $788,022.54 and any other wages due to current IPI employees and restoring employee housing to habitable conditions.

The court ordered on Jan. 28 that IPI satisfy the remaining portion of the judgment by March 1 or the court may proceed with the appointment of a receiver to immediately begin liquidating IPI's assets to fulfill payment.

DEFENSE

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in his personal capacity pursuant to 7 CMC § 2210(a) and 7 CMC 2210(b)(1); and dismiss claims deemed to be against the Commonwealth due to the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity in federal courts from claims arising under the Commonwealth's own laws," Healer said.

Last week, Mafnas filed his opposition to the Commonwealth's certification of scope of employment of David DLG Atalig, which ultimately argues that Atalig issued the memorandum for Mafnas' relocation in his capacity as CNMI DOF secretary, and notice of substitution.

However, Healer claims the opposition fails to completely undermine the substitution.

"As an initial matter, plaintiff has not disputed the basis for the Commonwealth's certification of Atalig (i.e., that he was acting within the scope of employment) under 7 CMC § 2210. Rather, Plaintiff disputes that substitution of the Commonwealth for Atalig is improper under 7 CMC § 2208. Plaintiff's argument that 7 CMC § 2208(b)(2)(A) precludes substitution fails because the first and fifth causes of action allege statutory violations based upon the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations ('PSSR&R'), not the United States or Commonwealth Constitution," she argued.

Healer stated that Mafnas has failed to show that the conduct of Atalig alleged in the lawsuit was not the kind he was employed to perform.

"Plaintiff alleges that Atalig committed procedural errors when carrying out his duties under the PSSR&R. However, the plaintiff has not shown that the actions of Atalig was done outside their 'time and space limits,'" Healer said

In addition, Healer said Mafnas did not dispute that facts show that Atalig was on-duty at the time of the alleged events.

"Plaintiff has not shown that the actions of Atalig were not undertaken by a purpose to serve the people of the Commonwealth; Atalig was assisting another agency for the betterment of the Commonwealth community. The plaintiff must come forward with affirmative evidence to refute the certification for the alleged violations of the PSSR&R. He has not done so, and his opposition to the certification and substitution must accordingly be denied," the lawyer stated.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, Mafnas is suing Atalig, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' chief of staff William Castro, over his recent relocation to the Department of Corrections.

Currently, Mafnas remains Customs director following a stipulated preliminary injunction previously granted by District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona.

65%

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istered NI voters, nine are currently staying in Alamagan and Agrihan.

Most NI voters are staying on Saipan.

Igitol said Nov. 4 is the target date for the boat to leave Saipan to get the votes of nine voters in Alamagan and Agrihan.

Nov. 8 is the general elections.

Jocelyn Frances Aldan Kapileo is running for mayor as an independent, while Valentino Nicky Taisacan is seeking the post under the Republican Party.

SENATE

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San Nicolas (R-Tinian) were the only minority members present when the House passed its version of the budget bill last Aug. 27.

"But life is about benchmarks. On that day, there was only one budget version before us," said Demapan, adding that in the spirit of moving forward with the budget bill because it was like they were crunching for time, they agreed to pass the House's budget version and transmit it to the Senate.

He said they supported the House's budget bill version that had no comparison, but when the Senate unanimously passed their budget version last Sept. 23, something better came before them.

"And there is nothing in the world that prohibits us from un-supporting something for something better," the minority leader said.

Demapan said they have that judgment to make and that they made that judgment when the Senate's version came forward.

"We believe that was now the better, best portion to guide our budget for the next fiscal year," he said, adding that they were more than happy to support the Senate's version.

Demapan, Ada, San Nicolas, and Reps. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) and Joseph A. Flores (Ind-Saipan) voted against the rejection of the Senate's version last Tuesday, Sept. 27.

"We believe that that's the product and that was the time that the people already needed a budget in place to alleviate the fears [on a partial shutdown]," the minority leader said.

Demapan said the Senate and the House had a battle over whether to use 80% or 20% of the American Rescue Plan Act funding for personnel, but at the end of the day there was one thing that they cannot overlook—to kind of jeopardize U.S Treasury restrictions and approvals just because they call themselves as the legislature.

"We cannot jeopardize the one thing that could take all the funding away from us," he said.

Demapan is thankful to the Senate for making sure that the CNMI stays within the confines of the U.S. Treasury.

October named Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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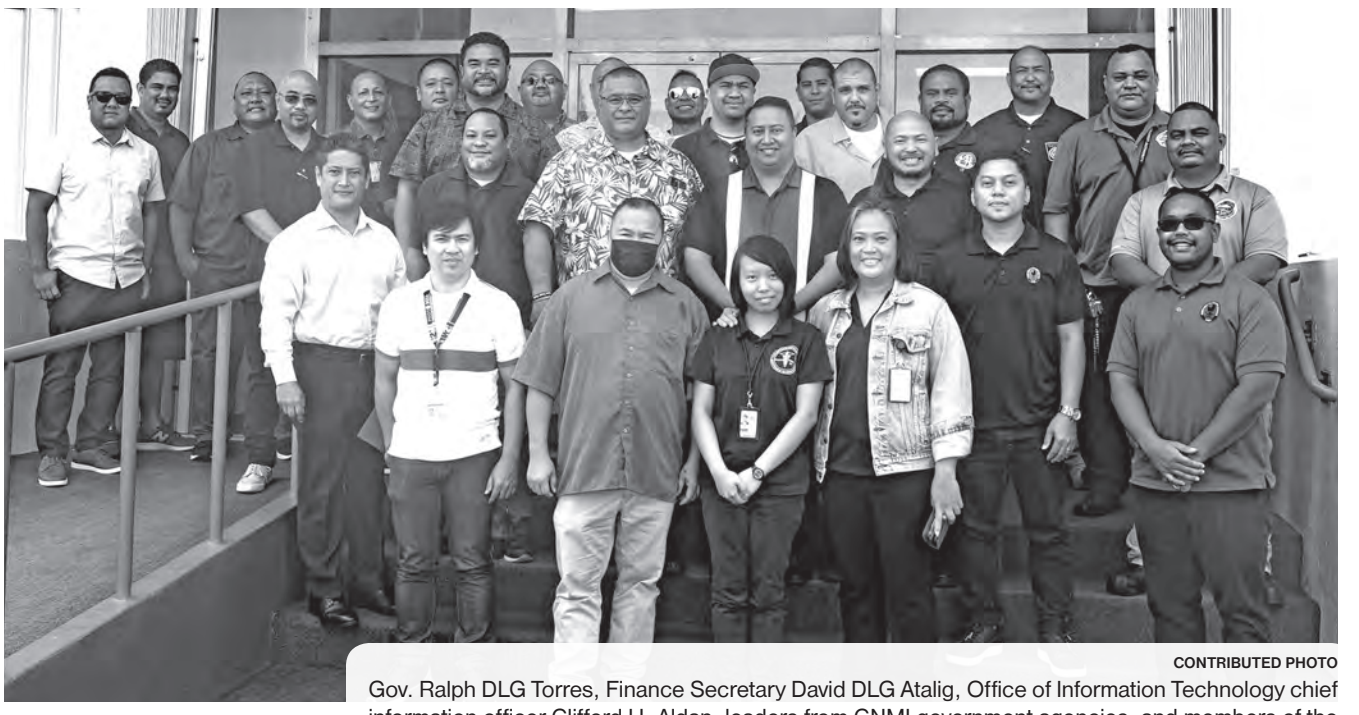
In order to educate and raise awareness about cybersecurity, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres designated October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month early last week, releasing the official proclamation from his office on Capitol Hill.

In the proclamation, Torres encouraged the community to embrace technology, and recognize the importance of cybersecurity, and how they may ensure that their online safety and privacy is secure.

"This month, I encourage our community to spread awareness on the issue of cybersecurity threats and challenges, and how we can implement effective cybersecurity practices and resources to keep our people and islands safe," he said.

The proclamation also highlights the services of the CNMI Department of Finance's Office of Information Technology, an office established in April last year, designated to enhance and protect the CNMI government's cybersecurity system; and help inform the public on how every individual may create a secure online connection protected against phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, not to mention financial loss, and loss of sensitive data. The proclamation also recognizes the work of chief information officer Clifford Hocog Aldan, who is dedicated to help the public learn more about cybersecurity.



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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig, Office of Information Technology chief information officer Clifford H. Aldan, leaders from CNMI government agencies, and members of the community gathered to proclaim the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month last week at the Governor's Office.

The Cybersecurity Awareness Month is recognized in October and is observed by the federal government of the U.S., the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers, and the National Cyber Security Alliance; and members of the community are encouraged to visit their websites, along with the STOP.THINK.CONNECT. Campaign website, which serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, and was implemented through joint agreement of several private companies, nonprofit and government organizations, and academic institutions who are working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats, and empower Americans to be safer and more secure online.

Visit the STOP.THINK.CONNECT. Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn more about cybersecurity.

WIA renews MOU with Hawai'i Job Corps

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WIOA director Frances Torres receives the MOU from Hawai'i Job Corps director Ellen May.

The CNMI Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Agency renewed its agreement with the Hawai'i Job Corps during a site visit to the Waimanalo Center. The signing was witnessed by the CNMI DOL and Finance, who also attended the Workforce Convening with USDOL Region 6 and Waimanalo Center staff.

Under the agreement, the CNMI commits to promote the mission of the Hawaii Job Corp Centers to provide academic, career, and technical education, and social development training to young men and women ages 18 to 24 years old to become responsible, productive, and employed community members; and perform certain services in the field of outreach, admissions, and career transition services for the Job Corps program.

The Hawai'i Job Corps is a free residential program with career training offerings in automotive technician, culinary arts, facilities maintenance, hotel and lodging, landscaping, office administration, painting, security and protective services, registered apprenticeship program in pharmacy technician, certified nurse assistance to include high school diploma or its equivalent. Programs are self-paced with opportunities in advance training at centers located in the mainland U.S.

"This collaborative partnership between the CNMI and Hawai'i Job Corps expands the opportunities for our youths to advance in a career pathway and improve their employability,"

said Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente. She added, "This is a valued long-term relationship that continues to provide the CNMI's young citizens with additional options for their choice of a career."

Hawai'i Center director Ellen May shared, "It was an honor for our team to welcome the CNMI DOL Workforce representatives to our beautiful campus and reestablish our partnership. Collectively, we are not only providing exciting career pathways for young adults, for many students we are also offering hope and a new beginning for a bright future."

Youths interested in learning more about the great opportunities offered through the Hawai'i Job Corps program may contact the CNMI DOL Workforce Investment Agency at tel. 670.664.1708

or email cnmiwioa@dol.gov.mp. ***(PR)***

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The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements (Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, replacement and rehabilitation of sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, relocation of existing 10-inch waterline and the abandonment of existing sewer line, removal and removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

The project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Recovery Program (IRP) office of the Governor. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA/IRP.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-039, Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements – Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 12, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

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Nathan Paz on track to be one of UOG's youngest graduates

Nathan Paz, a 17-year-old biology major at the University of Guam, is on track to become the youngest ever graduate from the College of Natural & Applied Sciences. He plans to complete his degree at the age of 19 in May 2024.

And while it's not a first in the university overall, completing a four-year degree by the age of 19 is a rarity, said Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness Deborah Leon Guerrero, who oversees the university's data.

On the fast track since elementary school

Paz's accelerated path started in the second grade in his hometown of El Paso, Texas, where he completed the requirements for both second and third grade in the same school year.

Later, while attending high school in Guam, he was able to accelerate his academics even further by completing extra credit hours, allowing him to skip his junior year. He took his first UOG class at age 14 under the Dual Enrollment Program while attending Tiyan High School. He graduated from high school in 2020 at age 15 and enrolled full-time at UOG that fall.

His career path is no less ambitious. Studying under the bio-medical track of the biology program at UOG, Paz aspires to pursue medical school and to serve the population of Guam as a doctor.

"My early exposure to the medical field came from my mother, who works as a physician assistant," Paz said. "I spent a lot of time in my early childhood shadowing her clinics, and I was really interested in the operations within the medical field."

Resumé building for medical school

He has found a diverse range of opportunities to gain medical experience and enhance his resume.

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Junior biology major Nathan Paz holds the University of Guam "Big G" logo in a science lab on campus. Paz is set to graduate at the age of 19 in May 2024, which would make him the youngest graduate from the UOG College of Natural and Applied Sciences and one of the youngest graduates from UOG as a whole.

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From left, Nathan Paz and fellow University of Guam students Mary Snaer and Anjaelyn Nededog take a photo after a day of volunteering at the Spay and Neuter Island Pets community clinic.

"I am grateful for all the experiences I've had throughout my college journey," he said, highlighting one job shadowing opportunity, in particular, through the Health Opportunities & Medical Exposure nonprofit program. "I shadowed Dr. Delores Lee of the Evergreen Health Center and learned the importance of knowing your patients beyond their symptoms."

Paz also volunteers with the American Red Cross and the Todu Guam Foundation, and he is an AmeriCorps member under the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, where he helps manage the COVID-19 testing clinic for hospital employees and assists in the planning of education initiatives and trainings.

Over the summer, he volunteered with the Spay and Neuter Island Pets community clinic, accumulating 75 volunteer hours assisting with the intake of animals, preparation of surgical kits, and post-surgical recovery procedures.

A supportive environment

Paz is in the process of looking for post-baccalaureate programs and additional volunteer and professional opportunities to gain exposure to the medical field. Meanwhile, he's enjoying his undergraduate experience at UOG.

"I feel connected and close with many of my peers, and there is never a dull moment here," Paz said. "The learning environment is extremely supportive of me, especially from the staff at CNAS." ***(PR)***

Amata takes part in speaker's luncheon with Pacific leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata recently joined Pacific leaders in the U.S. Capitol for a working luncheon hosted by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Pacific Islands Forum leaders are in Washington for their meeting with President Biden and other U.S. officials—the first time a Pacific Countries Summit was hosted in Washington, although the first such summit attended by a U.S. President was held in Honolulu in October 1990, where President George H.W. Bush gave concluding remarks. Amata participated in that summit as an adviser to and in support of the U.S. delegation.

"I'm delighted these leaders of our many friends in the Pacific were able to join key Members of Congress today to emphasize their previous efforts in meetings with President Biden and the U.N.," said Amata. "These are important U.S. partnerships with shared issues ranging from trade to security, and we all seek stability and prosperity throughout the Pacific. I am confident Pacific leaders will go back to their home islands knowing this was a productive trip."

Amata, who is co-chairman of the Congressional Pacific Islands Caucus, earlier last month also spoke at the Pacific Island Conference of Leaders (PICL), a three-day gathering held at the East-West Center in Honolulu that brought together heads of government of Pacific Islands Forum countries, French, American and New Zealand territories, and the state of Hawaii. These country leaders went on from Honolulu to New York City to speak to the U.N. General Assembly, then to Washington. In her address, she urged leaders to use their unprecedented leverage to hold China accountable on climate change and not to support Russia in its war on Ukraine.

While in Washington recently, Federated States of Micronesia President David Panuelo delivered the Peter Tali Coleman Lecture at the Georgetown University Center for Australian, New Zealand and Pacific Studies, which Amata attended and introduced Panuelo. As a founding member, Coleman was one of the driving forces in the creation of PICL, currently chaired by Panuelo. In recent diplomacy, Panuelo wrote a pivotal letter to his Forum colleagues cautioning against People's Republic of China efforts to forge a regional security treaty.

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Australian Ambassador Arthur Sinodinos, Tonga Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni, Rep. Steve Chabot, and Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata.

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House Speaker Nany Pelosi, Samoa Prime Minister Fiamé Naomi Mata'afa, Congresswoman Uifa'atali Amata, and Federated States of Micronesia President David Panuelo.

Amata continues to support these leaders in their efforts to convey "whole-of-region" views on Pacific issues, while encouraging U.S. commitment and involvement in the region, including the completion of renewed Compacts of Free Association to the shared benefit of the U.S. and the Freely Associated States. ***(PR)***

Guam Guard graduates first Army Ranger from Pohnpei

BARRIGADA, Guam—Spc. Rency Une of Pohnpei State displayed such high levels of leadership potential during his Initial Entry Training, the cadre at Fort Benning offered him a rare opportunity to go straight to Ranger School.

Une graduated from Ranger School in Ft. Benning on July 15, 2022. He is the first Ranger in the Guam Army National Guard from the island of Pohnpei.

"I chose to join the Guard because I want to serve close to home, make a difference in the community, and at the same time, to take on new challenges and better myself," he said.

Une said going straight from Initial Entry Training to Ranger School was no picnic.

"It was really tough. It doesn't matter how tough you think you are; I think the most important asset is the mindset. For me, personally, it's my mindset that really pushed me through that rigorous training at Ranger School."

He credited his grandmother for being able to endure Ranger School.

"It comes from my grandmother. She's from the Federated States of Micronesia—specifically, Pohnpei State. She was the one who raised me. She taught me every day to be humble, and always work harder toward the things I really want in life."

U.S. ARMY SGT. JOSEN PASCUAL

U.S. Army Spc. Rency Une graduated from Ranger School in Ft. Benning on July 15, 2022. He is the first Ranger in the Guam Army National Guard from the island of Pohnpei.

Asked what advice he would give to others, looking to follow in your footsteps, Une said strike while the iron is hot.

"I strongly encourage my brothers and sisters in the Guam Guard to go out there and seek these great opportunities. Take advantage and go for it while you're still young, because you are physically able to do a lot—more than you think. All I would say is just go out there and be yourself."

As the Army's premier infantry force, Rangers specialize in conducting close combat raids and direct fire assault missions deep inside enemy territory. Among the most mentally and physically challenging leadership schools in the world, Ranger School trains students to exhaustion, pushing the limits of their minds and bodies for 62 days.

Une was born and raised on the remote Pacific island of Pohnpei, located in the Federated States of Micronesia. A geographical and cultural neighbor to Guam, the FSM also shares strategic relevance in the INDOPACOM region. Une, however, credits the traditional values instilled by his grandmother for his success in the interview below. ***(PR)***

Farmers find support at agriculture-focused wellness workshop

Farmers from across Guam came together last Aug. 30 for a workshop focused on wellness in the agricultural community and connecting farmers with resources and each other. The workshop was the second event this year under the Farmer Focus project being carried out by Cooperative Extension & Outreach unit at the University of Guam.

"It was an eye-opening experience for the farmers in attendance to hear from each other and realize that their experiences and struggles are shared and validated," said Kuan-Ju Chen, assistant professor of agricultural economics at UOG and the project director.

The Farmer Focus project is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture–funded Western Regional Agricultural Stress Assistance Program, a national network of organizations and community members working to support the agricultural community. With funding support from WRASAP, the University of Guam will be hosting several similar events over the next several months specific to mental health, stress management, suicide prevention, financial support, and technical assistance in farming.

Support and opportunities available

Attendees heard from the UOG I'Pinangon Campus Suicide Prevention Program, the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, the Family and Consumer Sciences unit of UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach, the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam, and the Chinese Farmers Association.

"There is a common understanding that farming in Guam can be stressful since the island is a hotspot for plant diseases and pests, and this can be overwhelming for farmers," said Elvira Gisog, UOG extension assistant and coordinator of the Farmer Focus project. "It is vital for them to know that there are services, agencies, and opportunities that can help them when the stress begins to feel unbearable."

'People think farmers are very strong'

For retired farmer Angelita "Angie" Mendiola, she found her first wellness workshop beneficial.

"It is nice to know that someone is paying attention to us because it can be easily forgotten that we do have wellness problems that stem from the theft of our crops, lack of pest control, and other factors," she said. "I am so happy I was invited to the workshop because people think farmers are very strong and they don't have problems, but they do and they need help."

Mendiola, who has been farming since she was a little girl, said that farmer stress also comes from the intensive labor and lack of assistance in the field. Mendiola said she hopes that programs in the future will be able to provide farmers with dedicated farmer assistance for those who are no longer able to physically farm due to health-related issues.

"Other farmers and I always talk about the possibility of having someone assist us," she said. "While I am still planting at home, a lot of farmers my age have closed their gates because of underlying conditions, and no one is picking up where they left off."

According to Gisog, the Western Region Agricultural Stress Assistance Program provides farmers with a range of small funding grants through professional development, translation services, and health and wellness education activities. Similarly, I'Pinangon and GBHWC also offer health and wellness services. These and additional resources will continue to be shared at upcoming Farmer Focus events.

For more information on the Farmer Focus program, contact Project Director Kuan-Ju Chen at chenkj@triton.uog.edu or Project Co-Director Tim de La Cruz at delacruzt237@triton.uog.edu or follow the UOG College of Natural and Applied Sciences on Facebook and Instagram @uogcnas. ***(PR)***

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Elvira Gisog, coordinator for the Farmer Focus project at the University of Guam, speaks at the Farmer Focus Wellness Talks event hosted by UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach on Aug. 30 at the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam facility in Dededo.

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Kathrina Reyes with the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam speaks at the Farmer Focus Wellness Talks event hosted by the University of Guam Cooperative Extension & Outreach service on Aug. 30 at the FCAG facility in Dededo.

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Retired farmer Angelita "Angie" Mendiola participates in the Farmer Focus Wellness Talks workshop hosted by University of Guam Cooperative Extension & Outreach on Aug. 30 at the Farmers Cooperative Association of Guam facility in Dededo.

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EDITORIAL

CNN is hewing toward the center? That's good for our democracy.

Under its new head Chris Licht, the original cable news network is making strides toward reasserting itself as a neutral news source.

This is causing some apprehension on the far left, which has come to see CNN as an ally in its fight against the Fox News Channel for the hearts and minds, and political loyalties, of Americans. To some, this is an example of the so-called both sidesism, a pejorative that used to be a tenet of independent journalism but now is used as an example of aiding the anti-democratic enemy, as if those boundaries are clear.

Granted, not every issue has two sides, especially when it comes to the antics of former President Donald Trump, but most of them do. So we're in Licht's court, even if ex-MSNBC anchor Keith Olbermann called him a "TV fascist," an absurd charge that actually made Licht's point for him.

We say America is better off with MSNBC offering the liberal point of view as a counterbalance to the conservative entertainment typically found on Fox, where fair and balanced has an ironic connotation.

The country badly needs a prominent news site that all Americans can trust, something closer to the BBC, perhaps, and certainly a channel that comes closer to Ted Turner's prescient vision of an independent, ubiquitous, 24-hour news source, rooted in original reporting and watched the world over. CNN has a highly distinguished history marked not least by its long-standing team of superb international journalists. Plenty of them worried that the network was abandoning its original mission statement.

And while we're in the opinion market ourselves, we think CNN should return to more reporting and less amplification, more fact-checking and fewer hot takes, more journalistic boots on the ground and fewer anchors getting their talking points from whatever happens to be trending on Twitter.

And, yes, a neutral observer watching CNN's political coverage from the likes of Jake Tapper, Don Lemon, Brian Stelter and (not so long ago) Chris Cuomo would reasonably conclude that there has been a liberal bias. Those on the left who say otherwise are either fooling themselves or spending too much in the social media echo chambers.

You could argue there were good business reasons for that creep at CNN under Jeff Zucker, given that all the conservatives are watching Fox and unlikely to defect anytime soon. And you could make a case that it was moderate. But there still needs to be some place to go for those who cherish strong and unbiased reporting dedicated to helping Americans make up their mind in a more informed manner.

Perhaps it's Pollyannaish to hope that CNN can retrofit

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Climate change is nudging us toward the next pandemic

By ARJUN V.K. SHARMA
Los Angeles Times

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The threat of climate change conjures certain scenes: Smoke billowing from a forest aflame. Smothering heat clinging to the distorted asphalt of a densely packed street. Glaciers breaking off into a rising sea. Another scenario should be equally terrifying but is harder to envision: a virus leaving the animal that has played blind host for an encroaching human being.

For years, scientists have been warning us about an unsettling reality: that climate change will make pandemics more likely in our collective future.

Much like climate change's effects on our environment, its effects on our health seem insidious—until they aren't. A climate in flux brings us closer to thousands of potentially destructive viruses—a clear cause for concern, given that we are reaching nearly three years of life under COVID-19 and following the recent outbreak of monkeypox.

Changes in temperature and precipitation shift the geographical ranges of animals—including mosquitoes, ticks, birds and small mammals—into the environs of humans. Storms and floods displace people from their lands and lead them closer to animals that spread disease. That means we'll have more and more contact with wildlife, the organisms they carry and the illnesses that ensue.

The recent flooding in Pakistan after an unprecedented monsoon season offers a stark example. The country was already seeing rises in cholera, caused by the bacterium Vibrio, which contaminates water sources. Floods have since disrupted vaccination, medical care and disease monitoring strategies essential to controlling the outbreak. Where large bodies of water stagnate, mosquitoes that harbor dengue and other viruses as well as parasites such as malaria are proliferating and transmitting them to people. The looming health crisis of waterborne diseases in Pakistan is feared to become worse in the weeks ahead.

Ebola, Lyme disease and Lassa fever have also reached humans via other species, and all three stand to circulate more widely in a warming world. But the Lassa virus, a World Health Organization-listed high-priority pathogen with the potential to cause a public health emergency, is particularly alarming because its presence in West Africa is entrenched, and its spread is climate-driven.

Amid lower rainfall conditions and longer dry seasons, the common African rat Mastomys natalensis carries the virus and has little choice but to forage for food in the dwellings of nearby humans, leaving urine and saliva on rice, cassava and other crops stored in barrels or left in the sun. When people ingest those foods or have other direct exposure it can lead to infection, typically resulting in fever and a general feeling of malaise. But it can also produce disturbing symptoms such as hemorrhaging from the eyes, nose and mouth, and even permanent hearing loss. The virus is estimated to infect nearly 500,000 people each year and claim 5,000 lives. In parts of Liberia and Sierra Leone, it accounts for more than 10% of patients admitted to hospitals every year.

Climate hazards can further bolster a pathogen's virulence. Heat waves may make certain viruses more resilient against fevers, the body's first volley at an infection. Food shortages and droughts resulting from more heat, less rainfall and other changing weather patterns beget malnutrition and stress, leaving our immune systems weak and our cells vulnerable. A recent study identified 1,006 unique ways for climate change to spawn the next global contagion.

As infectious diseases continue to emerge, so will efforts to quell them. The U.S. government has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in viral surveillance programs with dramatic names—DEEP VZN, STOP Spillover and the late PREDICT, to name a few. These intrepid groups of scientists root themselves deep in crucible regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America—where territories of human settlements, livestock and wild animals overlap—to gather data for modeling the pathways in which a zoonotic virus could spill over into the fragile human biome, generating a novel disease.

Such interventions can anticipate and even quicken our response to an outbreak. But no matter how sophisticated these systems might be, they don't stop one from happening in the first place. Although this research can help us predict and theoretically contain a virus poised to jump into humans, it doesn't address the underlying factors that ready the microbial trampoline.

That's why our focus should turn further upstream, on climate change and mitigating its effects. Reducing emissions from the biggest culprits—such as industries in energy, transportation and healthcare—will stem the worsening of disease-friendly conditions including floods, heat waves and droughts. And minimizing our carbon footprint will reduce air pollution and lessen other impacts on the environment, raising the baseline health of our population.

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State of Northern Marianas College

Editor's Note: The following is the transcript of Northern Marianas College president Galvin Deleon Guerrero's speech that was delivered at the State of Education Address on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, at the Saipan World Resort.

Second of a three-part series

By GALVIN DELEON GUERRERO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero is the president of Northern Marianas College.

This past summer, as part of our many law enforcement academies, 29 new officers were also sworn in under the Division of Customs and Biosecurity after completing the 9th cycle of the Customs and Biosecurity Academy facilitated by NMC's Criminal Justice program. As the recipient of the cycle's Leadership Award, Kane Ybanez, said, "The instructors from Customs and Northern Marianas College have taught us a lot, and I feel very prepared to take on the role of Customs officer, and protect the community."

And earlier this year, 50 researchers, made up of students and faculty, presented at the 2nd Annual Research Symposium that was sponsored by NMC's Science Mathematics Health and Athletics department and Project PROA. As Dr. Beylul Solomon from NMC's School of Education noted about the symposium, it provided an important platform to showcase research from Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, who are one of the most underrepresented groups in research."

In addition to empowering our students to succeed, we must also cultivate our employees. We can do that by offering competitive compensation and benefits, embracing a growth mindset in personal and professional development, and facilitating collaboration and engagement across the institution.

In the past year, we have launched several initiatives to support the holistic wellness of our employees. This includes the launch of a Health Squad that has coordinated health-related activities and explored policies and practices that support employee health. As a result of the squad's work, we have redesigned our sick leave procedure into a more encompassing health leave procedure, and we have secured an institutional subscription for the Calm App, an award-winning app that gives employees access to hundreds of sleep, meditation, and relaxation features.

As just one example of our commitment to supporting the growth of our employees, recently, the college's Finance Team completed 13 rigorous online courses in auditing and finance from the Annual Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors. They're a busy team, but they found the time to grow professionally.

And as evidence of how much we have cultivated our employees, our very own vice president for Administration and Advancement, Frankie Eliptico, was awarded by University of Guam president Dr. Thomas W. Krise The President's Medal—the highest award given by the UOG president to individuals outside the university who demonstrated distinguished services to enlighten, to discover and to serve. His achievement reflects how NMC as a whole supports the personal and professional growth of our employees.

In addition to taking care of our people, it is vital that we also take care of our resources. This begins by building start-of-the-art facilities. These facilities will include a robust and secure information technology infrastructure, resilience against future natural disasters, and an atmosphere that welcomes all stakeholders with open, accessible, and appealing designs.

With funding primarily from the U.S. Department of Education, Phase 1 of our new facilities will be the construction of the Student Center, the flagship building of the new campus. The three-story building will house student services offices, the CNMI Archives, the library, study rooms, a cafeteria, and many more spaces. With funding from the Economic Development Authority, Phase 2 involves the construction of a three-story workforce development and training center building and the new Center for Research, Extension, and Development, or CRED building. The workforce development building will house the School of Nursing, School of Business, the Community Development Institute, and the Small Business Development Center. With funding from the HUD's CDBG-DR program, Phase 3 will be the construction of two two-story multi-use classroom and services buildings, with each building housing 16 classrooms. With funding from FEMA, Phase 4 will see the construction of the facilities maintenance warehouse and procurement services to include exterior storage space and construction of a new gymnasium. Future phases will develop facilities on Rota and Tinian, and remove existing structures on the As Terlaje site to allow us to complete the campus quad and make space for future expansions on campus. When we're done, we will finally have a beautiful main campus that will not only meet the needs of our stakeholders and our community, but will be the envy of the Pacific, including this building, a rendering of the upcoming Student Center, which will be the first building that goes up.

It will also be incumbent upon us to secure the financial vitality of our college. To do this, we must increase and diversify revenue streams, expand philanthropic contributions, and solidify more consistent funding.

To that effect, the college has done remarkably well in taking care of its financial resources. The college recently received—for the 15th consecutive year—a favorable, unqualified audition opinion on its financial statements and was thus designated as a low-risk auditee by independent auditors. We have also reconstituted our foundation, which is taking aggressive steps toward raising more funds for the college. And, building off the success of our golf tournament, we will expand the annual fundraising event into a two-day tournament that will bring in top golfers—and donors—from across the Pacific.

As a testament to the college's responsible stewardship of its financial resources, in its recent review, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Seniors Commission on Colleges and Universities commended the college for "effective management of limited financial resources reflected by low debt, stable financial reserves, and growing enrollment".

As we take care of our people and take care of our resources, we must also take care of our community. This begins by recognizing the role that Northern Marianas College plays when it comes to investing in our economy. We do that by meeting workforce needs, promoting more entrepreneurship, and cultivating problem-solving skills.

To be continued

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

By CLEO NENING
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

October marks the celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness, with this year's nationwide theme of "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation," coined by the United States Department of Labor. We recognize the important role people with disabilities have within a diverse and inclusive workforce as we take another step closer toward being a fully integrated society. We also recognize our employers who have showcased supportive, inclusive employment practices and policies as they break the barriers of stigma and discrimination.

These barriers cannot be broken alone, but rather it is a team effort between diverse agencies with a common goal of providing employment services for individuals with disabilities. The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. can provide education and training for employers regarding enabling disability laws, employee rights, reasonable accommodations, disability etiquette, and awareness, just to name a few. In collaboration with the CNMI Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, NMPASI provides these trainings to employers who are interested in providing on-the-job and work experience training for VR clients. Working together for a common goal of ensuring that the rights of individuals with disabilities are protected and that the employers are aware of these laws allow for meaningful collaboration for the individuals seeking employment.

The Disability Network Partners is an organization of various agencies that seek to provide services for individuals with disabilities through the CNMI. NMPASI is a member of the DNP, and together we are celebrating this year's NDEAM by hosting a series of conferences on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, aiming at our employers, self-advocates, and beneficiaries of social security who are looking to gain or maintain employment. The important dates are as follows:

SAIPAN

- Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022: NDEAM Proclamation Signing, Employer Recognition Ceremony, Employer Training at Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort, beginning at 8am;
- Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022: Self-Advocates' Training at Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort, beginning at 8am;
- Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022: Beneficiaries of Social Security Training at Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort, beginning at 8am.

TINIAN

- Thursday, Oct, 13, 2022: NDEAM Proclamation Signing, Employer Recognition Ceremony, Employer Training at Bar-K Diner, Tinian, beginning at 8am;
- Friday, Oct. 14, 2022: Self-Advocates' Training at Bar-K Diner, Tinian, beginning at 8am;
- Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022: Beneficiaries of Social Security Training at Bar-K Diner, Tinian, beginning at 8am.

ROTA

- Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022: NDEAM Proclamation Signing, Employer Recognition Ceremony, Employer Training at Chesa, Rota, beginning at 8am;
- Friday, Oct. 21, 2022: Self-Advocates' Training at Chesa, Rota, beginning at 8am;
- Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022: Beneficiaries of Social Security Training at Chesa, Rota, beginning at 8am.

For more information regarding these upcoming NDEAM celebrations and events, please contact OVR at (670) 322-65357/38 or NMPASI at (670) 235-7273/74.

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itself in a country where each political side believes the other is living in a kind of dangerous alternate reality. But many of Licht's innovations, including the new national morning show featuring Lemon, Poppy Harlow, and chief White House correspondent Kaitlan Collins, are refreshing changes that might just help with this country's ever-expanding habit of spinning the facts before digesting them.

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That could curb the chronic conditions—such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and cancer—that made us vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic and make us susceptible to the next threat.

But the biggest factor that would guard against the leap of a pathogen requires rethinking how we alter our landscapes. When forests are recklessly cleared for logging, road building and conversion to croplands, we lose the biodiversity that keeps in careful balance the numbers of rats, bats and other faunae that spread zoonotic diseases. And when urban centers sprawl beyond reasonable boundaries, animal and human habitats are irrevocably bridged.

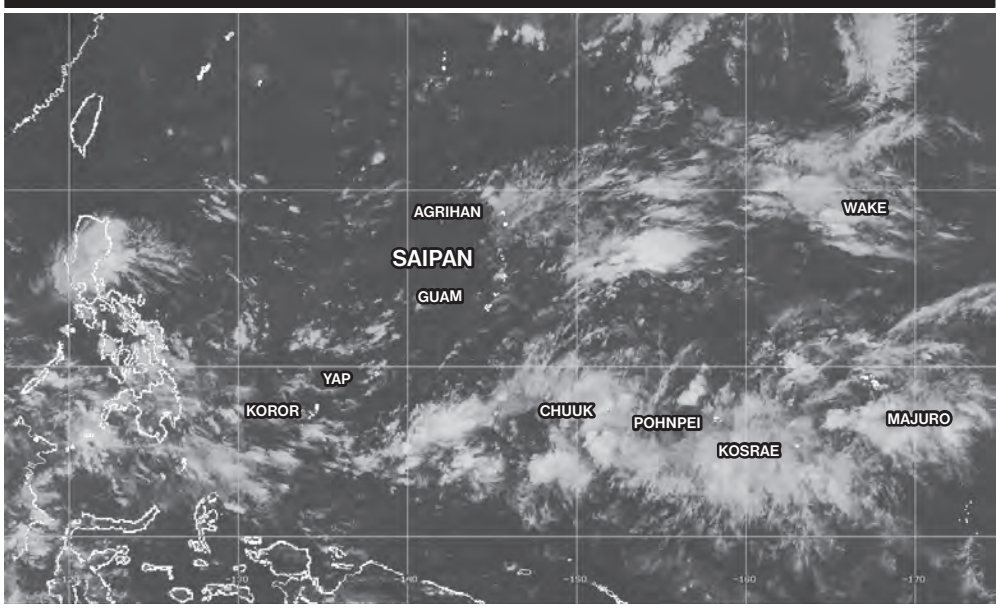
The ecological networks that bind us with our natural surroundings are clearer than ever. It's a relationship we must honor. Failure to do so would escalate biological collisions we cannot possibly win.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Isolated showers. Mostly sunny,
87° 76°	87° 76°	88° 78°	87° 77°	87° 77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms are seen on satellite and radar across the Marianas this morning as a trade-wind trough moves by, coupled with an upper-level trough (the TUTT) at 200 mb overlaying low-level moderate trade winds with upper-level southwesterlies. This resulted in widespread light rain with embedded thunderstorms that pop up suddenly, generate heavy rain and frequent lightning for a short time, then dissipate. Rain appears to be dissipating around Guam, but thunderstorms have recently developed briefly around Saipan and northwest of Rota. Meanwhile, seas at Tanapag and Ritidian are indicated at between 4 and 5 feet, with a dominant east swell and a secondary north swell.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 74°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°
Majuro	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:01 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:16 AM	1:53 PM
Wednesday	-	1:20 AM	2:48 PM
Thursday	-	2:23 AM	3:37 PM
Friday	-	3:24 AM	4:22 PM
Saturday	-	4:21 AM	5:03 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Sunny	54° / 43°
Beijing	Sunny	61° / 38°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 75°
London	Cloudy	66° / 60°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	83° / 64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Showers	58° / 44°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	88° / 81°
New York	Cloudy	59° / 49°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	85° / 68°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°
Busan	Thunderstorms	78° / 63°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	79° / 57°
Salem	Thunderstorms	78° / 53°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	69° / 57°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	87° / 71°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	83° / 73°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	54° / 48°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY	FEET	
12:22 AM	High Tide	1.64
8:28 AM	Low Tide	-0.13
4:28 PM	High Tide	1.80
9:53 PM	Low Tide	1.32

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

Biden pledge to make federal fleet electric faces slow start

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden, a self-described "car guy," often promises to lead by example on climate change by moving swiftly to convert the sprawling U.S. government fleet to zero-emission electric vehicles. But efforts to eliminate gas-powered vehicles from the fleet have lagged.

AP
President Joe Biden drives a Cadillac Lyriq through the showroom during a tour at the Detroit Auto Show, Sept. 14, 2022, in Detroit.

Biden last year directed the U.S. government to purchase only American-made, zero-emission passenger cars by 2027 and electric versions of other vehicles by 2035.

"We're going to harness the purchasing power of the federal government to buy clean, zero-emission vehicles," the president said soon after his January 2021 inauguration. He has since used photo ops—taking a spin in Ford Motor Co.'s electric F-150 pickup truck, or driving GM's Cadillac Lyriq electric SUV at the Detroit auto show—to promote their potential. Cabinet officials have hawked a first set of Ford Mustang Mach-E SUVs in use at the departments of Energy and Transportation.

The White House frequently describes the 2027 timeline as on track. But the General Services Administration, the agency that purchases two-thirds of the 656,000-vehicle federal fleet, says there are no guarantees.

Then there is the U.S. Postal Service, which owns the remaining one-third of the federal fleet. After initially balking and facing lawsuits, the agency now says that half of its initial purchase of 50,000 next-generation vehicles will be powered by electricity. The first set of postal vehicles will hit delivery routes late next year.

Climate advocates say that agency can do even better.

"USPS should now go all-electric or virtually all electric with its new vehicles," said Luke Tonachel, senior director of clean vehicles and buildings at the Natural Resources Defense Council, citing an additional $3 billion in federal spending targeted for the postal fleet under the landmark climate law Biden signed last month.

About 30% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector, making it the single largest source of planet-warming emissions in the country.

Electrification of the federal fleet is a "cornerstone" of Biden's efforts to decarbonize the federal government, said Andrew Mayock, chief federal sustainability officer for the White House.

"The future is electric, and the federal government has built a strong foundation ... that's going to deliver on this journey we're on over the next decade," he said in an interview.

Excluding the Postal Service, about 13% of new light-duty vehicles purchased across the government this year, or about 3,550, were "zero emissions," according to administration figures provided to The Associated Press. The government defines zero emissions as either electric or plug-in hybrid, which technically has a gas-burning engine. That compares with just under 2% in the 2021 budget year and less than 1% in 2020.

Nationwide, about 6% of new car sales are electric.

When it comes to vehicles actually on the road, the federal numbers are even smaller. Many of the purchases in recent months won't be delivered for as long as a year due to supply chain problems.

Currently just 1,799 of the 656,000-vehicle federal fleet are zero-emissions vehicles.

At a rate of 35,000 to 50,000 GSA car purchases a year, it will take years, if not decades, to convert the entire fleet.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tesla sales bounce back in Q3 but fall short of estimates

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Tesla's sales rose 35% in the July-September period compared to the second quarter as the company's huge factory in China got past supply chain issues and pandemic restrictions. The electric vehicle and solar panel company said Sunday it sold 343,830 cars and SUVs in the third quarter compared with 254,695 deliveries made from April through June. But the delivery numbers still fell far short of Wall Street estimates. Analysts polled by data provider FactSet expected sales of 371,000 vehicles. Tesla said it's becoming more challenging to find transportation capacity at a reasonable cost when it needs to move vehicles from its factories to its customers. Tesla said it had higher than usual numbers of vehicles in transit at the end of the quarter that will count as sales once they're delivered to customers.

UK's Truss sticks by economic plan as her party worries

LONDON (AP)—British Prime Minister Liz Truss said Sunday that she could have done a better job "laying the ground" for her package of unfunded tax cuts, but insisted she would push on with an economic plan that has caused turmoil on financial markets and weakened the country's public finances. Truss acknowledged that the U.K. faces "a very turbulent and stormy time," but said her policies would lead to a "high-growth, low-tax economy" in the longer term. The comments are unlikely to calm Truss' Conservative Party, which opens its four-day annual conference on Sunday in the central England city of Birmingham amid plunging poll ratings and growing public discontent.

Business sentiments cool as cheap yen, costs weigh on Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Business sentiment among large manufacturers worsened for the third straight quarter, a Bank of Japan survey showed Monday, as the nation grappled with rising costs, the dropping value of the yen and restrictions on economic activity over the coronavirus pandemic.

The headline measure for the "tankan," measuring sentiment among large manufacturers, was plus 8, down from plus 9 the previous quarter.

The tankan measures corporate sentiment by subtracting the number of companies saying business conditions are negative from those responding they are positive.

Worries are growing about how the Bank of Japan hasn't gone along with other central banks in tightening interest rates to curb growing inflation. Japan has been trying to fight deflation in recent years and has kept interest rates at near zero.

The nose-diving yen is also a concern, although a cheap yen has in the past been lauded as helping the nation's big exporters like Toyota Motor Corp., by raising the value of overseas earnings.

The rising costs of imports, including energy as well as food, is hurting Japan, when the U.S. dollar is now trading at nearly 145 yen, when it used to be at 130-yen levels just a few months ago. A year ago, the dollar cost 111 yen.

Sentiment among large nonmanufacturers improved to 14 from 13, according to the latest tankan.

The world's third-largest economy has struggled for decades to keep growth going. But the stagnation has worsened the last two years because of reduced travel and supply shortages caused by the pandemic.

The war in Ukraine has added to the problems for a resource-poor nation that imports almost all its oil.

The return of individual visa-free travel later this month is certain to work to boost incoming tourists.

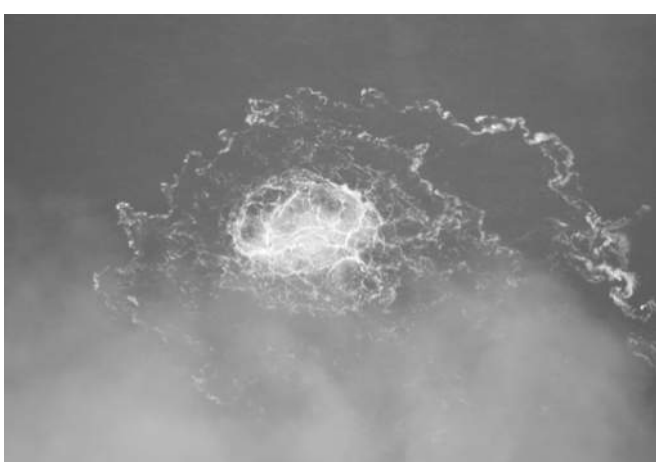
The pandemic had squelched overseas tourism, which had sustained economic activity in recent years.

Denmark says Nord Stream 1 pipelines stop leaking

HELSINKI (AP)—Authorities in Denmark said Sunday that the Nord Stream 1 natural gas pipelines have also stopped leaking, a day after officials said that the ruptured Nord Stream 2 pipelines also appeared to stop leaking.

The Nord Stream AG company informed the Danish Energy Agency that a stable pressure now appears to have been achieved on the Nord Stream 1 pipelines.

"The Nord Stream AG company has informed the Danish Energy Agency that a stable pressure now appears to have been achieved on the two Nord Stream 1 pipelines. This indicates that the blow-out of gas from the last two leaks has now also been completed," the Danish agency tweeted Sunday.



In this picture provided by Swedish Coast Guard, a small release from Nord Stream 2 is seen, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. AP

The Danish agency said Saturday the Nord Stream 2 ruptured natural gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea appears to have stopped leaking natural gas.

Undersea blasts that damaged the Nord Stream I and 2 pipelines this week have led to huge methane leaks. Nordic investigators said the blasts have involved several hundred pounds of explosives.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday accused the West of sabotaging the Russia-built pipelines, a charge vehemently denied by the United States and its allies.

The U.S.-Russia clashes continued later at an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council in New York called by Russia on the pipelines attacks and as Norwegian researchers published a map projecting that a huge plume of methane from the damaged pipelines will travel over large swaths of the Nordic region.

Nation

Feds vow major aid for Hurricane Ian victims amid rescues

AP
People stand on the destroyed bridge to Pine Island as they view the damage in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian in Matlacha, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—With the death toll from Hurricane Ian rising and hundreds of thousands of people without power in Florida and the Carolinas, U.S. officials vowed Sunday to unleash a massive amount of federal disaster aid as crews scrambled to rescue people stranded by the storm.

Days after Ian tore through central Florida, carving a deadly path of destruction into the Carolinas, water levels continued rising in some flooded areas, inundating homes and streets that were passable just a day or two earlier.

With branches strewn across the grounds of St. Hillary's Episcopal Church in Ft. Myers, the Rev. Charles Cannon recognized the immense loss during his Sunday sermon but also gave thanks for what remained. That included the church's stained-glass windows and steeple.

"People think they have lost everything, but you haven't lost everything if you haven't lost yourself," he said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis was in Arcadia on Sunday afternoon, about 30 miles inland from where Ian made landfall. The rural area didn't get the storm surge experienced by coastal communities, but standing water from floods remained four days after the storm.

"This is such a big storm, brought so much water, that you're having basically what's been a 500-year flood event," DeSantis said.

At least 68 people have been confirmed dead: 61 in Florida, four in North Carolina and three in Cuba.

Fewer than 700,000 homes and businesses in Florida were still without electricity Sunday, down from a peak of 2.6 million.

The weakened storm wreaked havoc as it drifted north, with the remnants forming a nor'easter that is expected to dump rain on parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and southern Pennsylvania, weather officials said.

In Virginia, rainfall on the already inundated Chesapeake Bay could lead to the most significant tidal flooding event in the Hampton Roads region in the last 10 to 15 years, said Cody Poche, a National Weather Service meteorologist. A handful of coastal Virginia school districts canceled classes Monday, and local officials urged residents to prepare.

Deanne Criswell, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the federal government is focusing first on victims in Florida, which took the brunt of one of the strongest storms to make landfall in the United States. President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden plan to visit Florida on Wednesday.

Flooded roadways and washed-out bridges to barrier islands left many people isolated amid limited cellphone service and a lack of basic amenities such as water, electricity and the internet. Officials warned that the situation in many areas isn't expected to improve for several days because the rain that fell has nowhere to go.

Criswell told "Fox News Sunday" that the federal government, including the Coast Guard and Department of Defense, had moved into position "the largest amount of search and rescue assets that I think we've ever put in place before."

Still, she cautioned that dangers remain.

"We see so many more injuries and sometimes more fatalities after the storm," Criswell said. "Standing water brings with it all kinds of hazards—it has debris, it could have power lines."

'We're with you,' Biden tells Puerto Rico ahead of visit

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden on Monday will survey damage from Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico, where tens of thousands of people are still without power two weeks after the storm hit.

The Category 1 hurricane knocked out electrical power to the U.S. territory of 3.2 million people, 44% of whom live below the poverty line.

Power has been restored to about 90% of the island's 1.47 million customers, but more than 137,000 others, mostly in the hardest hit areas of Puerto Rico's southern and western regions, continue to struggle in the dark. Another 66,000 customers are without water.

Biden has pledged that the U.S. government will not abandon Puerto Rico as it starts to rebuild again, five years after the more powerful Hurricane Maria devastated the island in 2017.

"We see what you're going through, and we're with you," Biden told Puerto Ricans and Floridians in a message Sunday on his official Twitter account.

Florida is cleaning up after Hurricane Ian churned across that state last week, killing more than 60 people, decimating some coastal communities and flooding others. Biden plans to visit Florida on Wednesday to survey damage.

The president, accompanied by first lady Jill Biden and Deanne Criswell, the Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator, was to touch down Monday in Ponce, Puerto Rico, a city on the southern coast. Most of the storm damage is in southern Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Pierluisi said he would update Biden on recovery efforts.

Jurors to begin hearing Jan. 6 Oath Keepers sedition case

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal prosecutors will lay out their case against the founder of the Oath Keepers extremist group and four associates charged in the most serious case to reach trial yet in the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol attack.

Opening statements are expected Monday in Washington's federal court in the trial of Stewart Rhodes and others charged with seditious conspiracy for what prosecutors say was a weekslong plot to stop the transfer of power from Republican Donald Trump to Democrat Joe Biden.

Defense attorneys will also get their first chance to address jurors, who were chosen last week after days of questioning over their feelings about the insurrection, Trump supporters and other matters.

The stakes are high for the Justice Department, which last secured a seditious conspiracy conviction at trial nearly 30 years ago.

About 900 people have been charged and hundreds convicted in the Capitol attack. Rioters stormed past police barriers, engaged in hand-to-hand combat with officers, smashed windows and halted the certification of Biden's electoral victory.

But the Oath Keepers are the first to stand trial on seditious conspiracy, a rare Civil War-era charge that carries up to 20 years behind bars. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

Prosecutors will tell jurors that the insurrection for the antigovernment group was not a spontaneous outpouring of election-fueled rage but part of a drawn-out plot to stop Biden from entering the White House.

On trial with Rhodes, of Granbury, Texas, are Kelly Meggs, leader of the Florida chapter of the Oath Keepers; Kenneth Harrelson, another Florida Oath Keeper; Thomas Caldwell, a retired U.S. Navy intelligence officer from Virginia; and Jessica Watkins, who led an Ohio militia group. They face several other charges as well.

ACROSS THE NATION

Phone alerts responders after car hits tree, killing all 6

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—A passenger's cellphone automatically alerted responders after a car hit a tree early Sunday in a Nebraska crash that killed all six of its young occupants, authorities said. Five men in the Honda Accord died at the scene of the crash around 2:15 a.m. in Lincoln, about 3 miles east of the state Capitol, police said. A 24-year-old woman died later at a hospital where she was taken in critical condition. The five men who died included the 22-year-old driver. The other victims were one 21-year-old, one 23-year-old and two 22-year-olds. Police said the cause of the crash remains under investigation, and they said the crash was reported by an iPhone that detected the impact and called responders automatically when the phone's owner didn't respond.

3 die when plane hits Minnesota home, but 2 in house unhurt

HERMANTOWN, Minn. (AP)—Three people aboard a small airplane died when it crashed into a house near a northern Minnesota airport, but the two people sleeping inside the home—and their cat—were unhurt. Hermantown Police said the Cessna 172 plane crashed into the second floor of the home just south of the Duluth airport late Saturday, before coming to rest in the backyard. Jason Hoffman told Minnesota Public Radio that he and his wife had been asleep for just over an hour before the plane tore through the roof above their bed. "We couldn't hardly see each other through all the insulation dust. I was able to grab a flashlight next to the bed and the first thing I saw was an airplane wheel sitting at the end of our bed," Hoffman said. "That's when we looked out and noticed the entire back half our our house was gone."

FBI: Jetliner evacuated in Albuquerque after security threat

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—An American Airlines flight from Texas to New Mexico was evacuated Sunday after landing at the Albuquerque airport because of a security threat, authorities said. All 179 people aboard Flight 928 from Dallas-Fort Worth were taken off the jet in the morning at Albuquerque International Sunport and were bused to the terminal, airport officials said. No injuries were reported. FBI officials in Albuquerque did not disclose the nature of the security threat but said that the matter was being investigated and that no other information was available.

Asia

Tragedy exposes troubled Indonesian soccer history

AP

Soccer fans chant slogans during vigil for the victims of Saturday's soccer riots, in Malang, East Java, Indonesia, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Gaining the right to host next year's Under-20 World Cup was a major milestone in Indonesia's soccer development, raising hopes that a successful tournament would turn around long-standing problems that have blighted the sport in this country of 277 million people.

The death of at least 125 people at a league game between host Arema FC of East Java's Malang city and Persebaya Surabaya on Saturday is a tragic reminder, however, that Indonesia is one of the most dangerous countries in which to attend a game.

"Do remember that the FIFA U-20 World Cup will be the worldwide spotlight since the event will be joined by 24 countries from five continents," Indonesia's President Joko Widodo said last month as he pushed for thorough preparations for the tournament.

Since Saturday, the domestic league has been suspended. Widodo has ordered the sports minister, the national police chief and the soccer federation to conduct a thorough investigation into the deadly stadium crush.

Indonesia was the first Asian team ever to play at a World Cup—participating in 1938 as Dutch East Indies—but despite an undoubted national passion for the sport, it has never returned to the global stage because of years of corruption, violence and mismanagement.

Data from Indonesia's soccer watchdog, Save Our Soccer, showed 78 people have died in game-related incidents over the past 28 years.

Those accused are often associated with supporter groups that attach themselves to clubs, with the biggest boasting hundreds of thousands of members.

Arema's intense rivalry with Surabaya meant that no visiting fans were allowed in the stadium on the weekend. Yet violence broke out when the home team lost 3-2 and some of the 42,000 Arema fans, known as "Aremania," threw bottles and other objects at players and soccer officials.

Restrictions on visiting fans also have failed in the past. In 2016, despite Persib Bandung supporters being banned from a game with bitter rival Persija Jakarta, they were blamed for the death of a Jakarta supporter.

A month earlier, a Persib fan had been beaten to death by Jakarta followers.

In 2018, local media reported a seventh death in six years related to Indonesia's biggest soccer rivalry.

Soccer fans have accused security officials of being heavy-handed in the past and on the weekend, with witnesses describing officers beating them with sticks and shields before shooting tear gas canisters directly into the crowds. In 2016, police were accused of killing 16-year-old supporter Muhammad Fahreza at a game between Persija and Persela Lamongan, resulting in mass demonstrations demanding an end to police brutality.

"The police who were in charge of security violated FIFA stadium safety and security regulations," soccer analyst Akmal Marhali told Indonesian media on Sunday, referring to the use of tear gas on Malang fans who entered the pitch after their team's defeat. That sparked a rush for exits in an overcrowded stadium.

"The Indonesia Football Association may have been negligent for not informing the police that security procedures at a football match are not the same as those at a demonstration."

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, prohibits the use of tear gas by on-field security or police at stadiums.

Usman Hamid, executive director of Amnesty International Indonesia, said police who violated regulations should be tried in open court.

"This loss of life cannot go unanswered. The police themselves have stated that the deaths occurred after police use of tear gas on the crowd resulted in a stampede at the stadium exits," Hamid said in a statement. "Tear gas should also never be fired in confined spaces."

The soccer association, known locally as PSSI, has long struggled to manage the game domestically.

In 2007, Nurdin Halid was imprisoned on corruption charges but was able to continue as the organization's president until 2011. After Halid was banned from running for another term, a rival league, federation and national team emerged.

But chaotic administration continued until FIFA suspended Indonesia in 2015, a sanction that was lifted the following year.

World

Ukraine presses counteroffensive; Russia said to use 'suicide drones'

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia attacked the Ukrainian president's hometown and other targets Sunday with suicide drones, and Ukraine took back full control of a strategic eastern city in a counteroffensive that has reshaped the war.

Russia's loss of the eastern city of Lyman, which it had been using as a transport and logistics hub, is a new blow to the Kremlin as it seeks to escalate the war by illegally annexing four regions of Ukraine and heightening threats to use nuclear force.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's land grab has threatened to push the conflict to a dangerous new level. It also prompted Ukraine to formally apply for fast-track NATO membership.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced Sunday that his forces now control Lyman: "As of 12:30 p.m. (0930 GMT) Lyman is cleared fully. Thank you to our militaries, our warriors," he said in a video address.

Russia's military didn't comment Sunday on Lyman, after announcing Saturday that it was withdrawing its forces there to more favorable positions.

The British military described the recapture of Lyman as a "significant political setback" for Moscow, and Ukraine appeared to swiftly capitalize on its gains.

Hours after Zelenskyy's announcement, Ukrainian media shared an image of Ukrainian troops carrying the country's yellow-and-blue flag in front of a statue marking the village of Torske, 15 kilometers (9 miles) east of Lyman and within sight of the Russian-held Luhansk region.

Shortly later, a video posted online showed one Ukrainian soldier saying that Kyiv's forces had begun to target the city of Kreminna, just across the border in Luhansk. Outgoing artillery could be heard in the background. Russian military correspondents also acknowledged Ukrainian attacks targeting Kreminna.

In another online photo, an Ukrainian soldier stood before giant watermelon landmark just south of the village of Novovorontsovka on the banks of the Dnieper River, along the Russian-controlled province of Kherson's northern edge. A Ukrainian flag flew above the statue as several apparently deactivated landmines lay beside it.

While Ukrainian forces did not immediately acknowledge a breakthrough, writers close to the Russian military have described a new offensive by Kyiv in the Kherson region.

In southern Ukraine, Zelenskyy's hometown of Krivyi Rih came under Russian attack by a suicide drone that destroyed two stories of a school early Sunday, the regional governor said. The Ukrainian air force said Sunday it shot down five Iranian-made drones overnight, while two others made it through air defenses.

A car carrying four men seeking to forage for mushrooms in Ukraine's Chernihiv region struck a mine, killing all those inside, authorities said Sunday.

The reports of military activity couldn't be immediately verified.

Ukrainian forces have retaken swaths of territory, notably in the northeast around Kharkiv, in a counteroffensive in recent weeks that has embarrassed the Kremlin and prompted rare domestic criticism of Putin's war.

Lyman, which Ukraine recaptured by encircling Russian troops, is in the Donetsk region near the border with Luhansk, two of the four regions that Russia illegally annexed Friday after forcing what was left of the population to vote in referendums at gunpoint.

In his nightly address, Zelenskyy said: "Over the past week, there have been more Ukrainian flags in the Donbas. In a week there will be even more."

10 torture sites in 1 town: Russia sowed pain, fear in Izium

IZIUM, Ukraine (AP)—The first time the Russian soldiers caught him, they tossed him bound and blindfolded into a trench covered with wooden boards for days on end.

Then they beat him, over and over: Legs, arms, a hammer to the knees, all accompanied by furious diatribes against Ukraine. Before they let him go, they took away his passport and Ukrainian military ID—all he had to prove his existence—and made sure he knew exactly how worthless his life was.

"No one needs you," the commander taunted. "We can shoot you any time, bury you a half-meter underground and that's it."

The brutal encounter at the end of March was just the start. Andriy Kotsar would be captured and tortured twice more by Russian forces in Izium, and the pain would be even worse.

Russian torture in Izium was arbitrary, widespread and absolutely routine for both civilians and soldiers throughout the city, an Associated Press investigation has found. While torture was also evident in Bucha, that devastated Kyiv suburb was only occupied for a month. Izium served as a hub for Russian soldiers for nearly seven months, during which they established torture sites everywhere.

Based on accounts of survivors and police, AP journalists located 10 torture sites in the town and gained access to five of them. They included a deep sunless pit in a residential compound with dates carved in the brick wall, a clammy underground jail that reeked of urine and rotting food, a medical clinic, a police station and a kindergarten.

The AP spoke to 15 survivors of Russian torture in the Kharkiv region, as well as two families whose loved ones disappeared into Russian hands. Two of the men were taken repeatedly and abused. One battered, unconscious Ukrainian soldier was displayed to his wife to force her to provide information she simply didn't have.

The AP also confirmed eight men were killed under torture in Russian custody, according to survivors and families. All but one were civilians.

At a mass grave site created by the Russians and discovered in the woods of Izium, at least 30 of the 447 bodies recently excavated bore visible marks of torture—bound hands, close gunshot wounds, knife wounds and broken limbs, according to the Kharkiv regional prosecutor's office. Those injuries corresponded to the descriptions of the pain inflicted upon the survivors.

Overdrive

'We're just at the start of Toyota's transformation'

By NATALIE WALTERS
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

The Plano, Texas, office of Toyota's mobility and innovation arm looks like a sleeker version of the typical bright white, open-floor startup.

On one wall of the Legacy West space, employees tape up a photo of themselves from childhood.

"Because at that time in life, we believe anything is possible," said Steve Basra, the new CEO of Toyota Connected.

The company started six years ago with five people, including Basra.

"We just stole some desks at the main headquarters office," Basra said about the company's early days.

Now the Plano office has undergone several expansions to accommodate the growing team of technologists responsible for the bells and whistles that go into all Toyota cars, from a Corolla to a Lexus LC. It has grown to 240 employees, with additional offices in India and London.

Examples of their work include an emergency assistance button that connects you with 24/7 roadside assistance and an automatic collision notification that alerts a 24/7 response center when an airbag deploys or when the rear of the vehicle has suffered a "severe" hit.

Basra stepped up as CEO in July to replace Zack Hicks, who retired after being with Toyota since 1996. Hicks is now the chief digital and technology officer at Irving-based Kimberly-Clark Corp.

Basra, 47, is a Toyota loyalist, having been with the company his entire 24-year career, which started in the automaker's IT department. He lived in Kentucky, Belgium and Japan before moving to Texas in 2016 to become Toyota Connected's chief technology officer.

Having a separate company to focus on connected vehicles, information systems and research and development gives the team more freedom, Basra said. Within a big company, it's hard to spur innovation sometimes, he said.

"We can't serve beer at the main headquarters, but we can do it here," he said, referring to the massive campus Toyota Motor North America built to house nearly 4,000 workers a short distance away. "You can't provide free food to everyone at the main office, but you can here. So we're close enough because it's just down the road, but we're far enough away that we can have that flexibility to do what we want."

Basra recently sat down with The Dallas Morning News at Toyota Connected's newly renovated headquarters to talk about his vision for its future. His answers have been edited for brevity and clarity.

Q: What new projects are in the works for Toyota vehicles?

A: Something that we call service connect, where we use data from the vehicle to try to predict when something is going to happen to your vehicle—whether it's that you need to change your oil or have an engine issue. We want to be able to predict that before you get an alert. We can send customers a message through our app, connect them to a dealership and show them available appointment times.

One other idea we're looking to launch soon is, say you're on a walk and you've parked your car on the street and it's dark at night and you don't feel safe. What we want to do is have a safety service so you can touch a button on your phone and get through to a real-life person who will stay on the phone with you until you're in your car. And while you're walking to your car, we can switch on all your vehicle lights and if, God forbid, something does happen, we can contact the emergency services straight away and they know where you are.

Q: How competitive is it among automakers for technologists?

A: It's huge. All original equipment manufacturers are transitioning to where they're trying to build a company similar to this one, or they're trying to be in technology. It's massively competitive. But it's not just OEMs. For every company now, this is going to be an ongoing battle.

But I think we're well-placed. We have four months of paternity leave, for example, and we expect you to take them. And we spent a lot of time on the organization structure to make sure we have the right people, and that they're getting their time with managers and mentors to build their careers. We are fully hybrid. There is no pressure to come into the office. It's worked very smoothly for us. We want to treat our employees like adults.

And I don't care if people leave. What I mean by that is, it's natural that people will move around in the technology sector, and we don't look unfavorably on people when they do that. We don't try to put in policies that don't help people grow. Our goal is to build policies where we treat people how they want to be treated and hope they stay, rather than trying to force people to stay.

Q: The phone industry has matured, with only slight improvements each year. What do you think about the auto industry?

A: We're just at the start of our transformation. I think you're 100% right. If you look at the iPhone 14, it is a bit of a joke. If you look at what's changed, there's really nothing. What makes it so exciting in this space is that we don't know what the future is. We get to decide what the future will be. It's very rare that you get to work in an industry in technology where you can make that statement. I've mentioned to all our employees that they're the ones who are going to decide what the consumer experience in all vehicles will be in the future.

Think about it. Connected vehicles, they've really only been around for the last five to 10 years. And it's only in the last two to three years that people have really started to take it seriously and started to think about what this could mean.

Add the made-in-Texas label to Toyota's new hybrid Sequoia

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TOYOTA/TNS
The 2023 Toyota Sequoia.

You can add the made-in-Texas label to Toyota's new hybrid Sequoia.

Toyota's manufacturing plant in San Antonio this week began producing the Texas-sized SUV alongside its redesigned Tundra. The automaker shifted Sequoia manufacturing from Indiana as part of a $391 million upgrade to the Texas plant.

The new 2023 Sequoia, powered by a twin-turbo V6 hybrid powertrain, represents the vehicle's first new model since 2008. The 2023 model, available only as a hybrid, starts at $58,300. Its TRD Pro and Capstone models start at $77,000.

"The third-generation Sequoia marks a new era of electrified vehicles that will help move us closer to carbon neutrality while delivering on and exceeding customer expectations for this iconic SUV," said Kevin Voelkel, president of Toyota's Texas manufacturing operation, in a statement.

The company expanded the sprawling plant's footprint by 147,000 square feet and retooled production techniques to allow the plant's 3,800 workers to crank out both the Tundra and Sequoia. It moved Tacoma truck production to Mexico to make way for the new Sequoia.

Production changes included new laser welding technology and a modified process for stamping the largest sheet of metal in Toyota history, according to the company. Its workers and 5,300 on-site suppliers spent thousands of hours preparing for the Sequoia debut.

Toyota's investment in San Antonio has grown to more than $3.1 billion. The plant totals more than 2.3 million square feet.

"This is another welcome milestone demonstrating Toyota's confidence in our city and workforce," said San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg in a statement.

Toyota employs 39,000 people in the U.S., including nearly 4,000 at its North American headquarters in Plano. It operates nine manufacturing plants and expects to begin making batteries for electric vehicles in North Carolina by 2025.

Earlier this year, Toyota became the top-selling automaker in the U.S., toppling General Motors from the No. 1 spot it had held since 1931.

How to get windshield clean?

MOTORMOUTH
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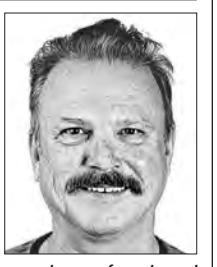

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Q: I can't get the inside of my car windshield clean. I have tried: newspaper, glass cleaner, vinegar and it is still streaked! Any other suggestions?

A: Try a glass cleaning product formulated for automobiles. Household cleaners do not do as well. Use a microfiber towel to clean the glass — twice. And then, use a clean dry microfiber towel to polish the glass. To slow the buildup, consider getting a dashboard cover. It won't prevent the film but may slow it down.

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Q: I read an article on how to clean dirt and grime off a car windshield. The article said to put liquid dish detergent in the fluid reservoir. I put a generous amount of the detergent in the reservoir, put the wipers on and sprayed. I noticed a film on the windshield, but when I shut the wipers off, the windshield was clear. I reread the article, and I was only supposed to use a few drops of detergent. I drained and refilled the reservoir using water and changed the wipers. I was still seeing the film. What can I do?

A: Glass stripper from Invisible Glass will reportedly remove water spots, hard water minerals, silicones, waxes, oils, tar, tree sap, road salt and road grime. According to the company, it contains mild abrasives for cleaning without scratching. The company says it polishes away contaminants and restores glass to its original condition. I have not used it and can't make a judgment.

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Q: I have a 2012 Camry. The under-engine cover came loose while I was driving on the highway. I found out it was likely caused by not tightening the screws after my last oil change. I had to pay $300 for a cover. Several months later, same problem. The dealership removed it and said it would not cause any problems. Do you think it's safe to drive without replacing the cover?

A: The lower engine cover improves fuel economy by providing a smooth surface for air to pass by. It also offers some protection against road debris but is not essential and won't cause any big problems, as your dealership stated. A general repair shop can easily replace it and probably for less money. Ask them to apply Loctite to the bolt threads to prevent loosening.

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Q: I'm a handicapped senior citizen with a placard. When I go shopping at some stores, the handicapped parking spots are taken up by charging stations for electric cars. Even if it's easier to run an electric line closer to the store, it's really unfair that a handicapped person would have to walk farther.

A: I'm shocked. Complain to the store manager and the company's customer service department. If enough folks complain, they may create more convenient designated parking spaces.

Life & Style

Fire damages Mark Wahlberg's childhood home in Boston

AP

The fire-damaged back of a triple decker at 25 Peverell Street, in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, appears darkened by flames, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

BOSTON (AP)—A home where entertainers Mark and Donnie Wahlberg's family once lived was damaged by fire Sunday in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, the fire department said.

The blaze in a nearby home at around 10 a.m., but spread to another three buildings because of strong winds, Fire Commissioner Paul Burke said. Two firefighters suffered injuries and one resident was taken to the hospital. There was no immediate word on the cause of the fire.

One of the homes involved was 25 Peverell Street, where the Wahlberg family used to live. Mark Wahlberg visited the home during the production of his Netflix movie "Wonderland" in 2018 and 2019. In one video posted on social media, the actor stands shirtless in front of the house, describing it as "where it all started."

The homes affected by Sunday's fire were a type of classic Boston architecture called a triple decker, a three-family home that's common in the city.

"It was a total of four three-deckers that were on fire, mostly in the rear of the buildings on the porches," the fire commissioner told WCVB-TV. "It's a very tight street."

Boston Fire Department spokesperson Brian Alkins said 15 people were displaced by the fire. He estimated damage to the buildings at $2 million.

Terry Bradshaw says he's been treated for 2 kinds of cancer

Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw said Sunday he has been treated for two forms of cancer in the past year.

Bradshaw said on "Fox NFL Sunday" that he was diagnosed with bladder cancer late last year and was treated at Yale University Medical Center, including surgery.

"As of today, I am bladder cancer free," Bradshaw said.

The 74-year-old then said he found a tumor in his neck earlier this year and it turned out to be a Merkel cell tumor, a rare form of malignant skin cancer. He was treated at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Bradshaw

"Folks, I may not look my old self, but I feel like my old self," Bradshaw said. "I'm cancer free, I'm feeling great."

Bradshaw played his entire career (1970-83) with the Pittsburgh Steelers and won four Super Bowls. ***(AP)***

Horror pic 'Smile' happy at No. 1; 'Bros' starts in 4th

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Moviegoing audiences chose the horror movie over the romantic comedy to kick off the month of October. Paramount's " Smile " topped the North American charts with $22 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday, leaving Billy Eichner's rom-com "Bros" in the dust.

Universal's " Bros " launched with an estimated $4.8 million to take fourth place behind "Don't Worry Darling" ($7.3 million) and "The Woman King" ($7 million). But opening weekends likely aren't the final word on either "Bros" or "Smile." Horror movie audiences are generally front-loaded, dropping off steeply after the first weekend, while something like "Bros," which got great reviews and an A CinemaScore, suggesting strong word-of-mouth potential, is a movie that could continue finding audiences through the fall. It is not unusual for R-rated comedies to open modestly and catch on later.

"Everyone who sees it absolutely loves it," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution. "Billy Eichner, (director) Nick Stoller and Judd Apatow have created a movie that's heartwarming and hysterically funny."

"Bros" is significant for being the first gay rom-com given a wide theatrical release by a major studio, as well as the first studio movie starring and co-written by an openly gay man. Since premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival last month, the film has gotten stellar reviews from critics and also been the target of "review bombs" on IMDB. The site last week removed removed hundreds of one-star reviews for "Bros" that were logged before the film was released.

It's also hard to compete with a new horror movie in October. "Smile," written and directed by Parker Finn in his directorial debut, stars Sosie Bacon as a therapist haunted by smiling faces after a traumatic event.

Father, teenage son charged in killing of rapper PnB Rock

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man who was arrested in Las Vegas on Thursday, and his 17-year-old son, were charged with murder in the fatal shooting of rapper PnB Rock at a South Los Angeles restaurant, authorities said.

An FBI-led fugitive task force took 40-year-old Freddie Lee Trone into custody at about 1 p.m., Los Angeles police said. He had been charged earlier in the day with one count of murder, two counts of second-degree robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery, the District Attorney's Office said. His son, who was arrested Tuesday, was charged with the same counts.

Trone's 38-year-old wife, Shauntel Trone, the boy's stepmother, was also arrested Tuesday and was charged with one count of being an accessory after the fact to the killing. She pleaded not guilty at her arraignment Thursday.

The teen, who remains jailed, made an initial appearance in juvenile court and was told to return next month. It is not clear when Freddie Lee Trone will appear in court for an extradition hearing, or whether any of the defendants have retained attorneys.

PnB Rock, the 30-year-old Philadelphia hip-hop artist whose legal name is Rakim Allen, was gunned down Sept. 13 at Roscoe's House of Chicken 'N Waffles while eating with his girlfriend. A robber approached their table and demanded items from the rapper, according to investigators.

The robber took items from the victim and fled in a car that was waiting in the parking lot, police said. Rock was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Rock was best known for his 2016 hit "Selfish" and for making guest appearances on other artists' songs such as YFN Lucci's "Everyday We Lit" and Ed Sheeran's "Cross Me" with Chance the Rapper. His latest track, "Luv Me Again," was released Sept. 2.

College classmate won't take no for an answer

DEAR ABBY: My spouse and I work at the college where we were undergraduates. The school has a strong reunion tradition, and thousands of alumni come with their families to relive their college days. We live here year-round and are sort of done with reminiscing.

In years past, I've had boundary issues with former classmates who come to town assuming they can stay at our house (without asking) and think we want to entertain them late into the night. We had to implement a "no classmates at the house" rule, and most people understand we'd prefer to visit them on campus.

However, one former classmate is oddly persistent and asked if she can come "see" our house. When I said I'm not entertaining guests, she asked if she could come and look around without me. (Clearly no.) Then she asked if she could just walk by my house and see what it looks like from the outside, which I can't control, but is pretty weird since I made it clear I was looking for privacy.

How do I set boundaries with someone who wants to stand on the sidewalk and stare in my windows? We were friends 15 years ago, but are not close now. They are coming again in the near future and it's already stressing me out.

CAREER COLLEGIAN IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR COLLEGIAN: While you can't prevent a pushy person from looking at your house from the sidewalk, you can tell her that her persistence is making you uncomfortable and to please stop. You might also point out that if you feel like having a visitor, the invitation will come from you and not vice versa.

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DEAR ABBY: I moved to a conservative state to be close to my aging parents and become closer with my siblings and extended family. After six years, my parents and a sister have passed on, and I'm wondering what I'm even doing here. My political views are at the opposite spectrum from my siblings and extended family, which I can deal with as long as we don't talk politics. My husband argues politics with them and doesn't understand that no one is changing their minds.

We're no longer invited to family get-togethers, and they don't initiate conversations or dinners. Neither do we. They are very vocal about their politics, and relations are frosty with some of them. I don't know how to repair relationships with them as long as they keep discussing politics. Please advise.

LEFT VS. RIGHT IN UTAH

DEAR LEFT VS. RIGHT: From what you have written, it seems your husband has been equally guilty of initiating those political rants. It may be too late to repair the damage that he has helped to create. Because you are now estranged from those relatives, I see no harm in exploring options for relocating. Safe travels!

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TO MY READERS: Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement begins at sundown. During this 24-hour period, observant Jewish people fast, engage in reflection and prayer, and formally repent for any sin that might have been committed during the previous Hebrew year. To all of you who observe— may your fast be a meaningful one.

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Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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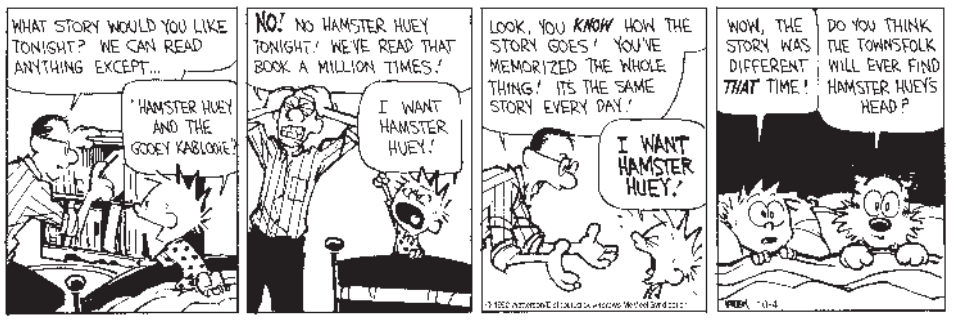
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'HAMSTER HUEY AND THE GOOEY KABLOOIE.'
NO! NO HAMSTER HUEY TONIGHT! WE'VE READ THAT BOOK A MILLION TIMES!
I WANT HAMSTER HUEY!
LOOK, YOU KNOW HOW THE STORY GOES! YOU'VE MEMORIZED THE WHOLE THING! IT'S THE SAME STORY EVERY DAY!
I WANT HAMSTER HUEY!
WOW, THE STORY WAS DIFFERENT THAT TIME!
DO YOU THINK THE TOWNSFOLK WILL EVER FIND HAMSTER HUEY'S HEAD?

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHAT IF A GIANT MONSTER ATTACKED RIGHT NOW?
LIKE, IF GODZILLA CAME OVER THAT HILL. WHAT WOULD YOU DO FIRST?
DIRECT HIM TOWARD THE GARRETTS' YARD ART.
OKAY, OBVIOUSLY. BUT WHAT THEN?
10-4

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

REMEMBER HOW BAD YOUR DAY WAS YESTERDAY AT WORK?
WELL, IT'S TIME TO DO IT AGAIN. AND THEN AGAIN AND AGAIN AND ON AND ON AND ON UNTIL YOU DIE.
NOW THAT'S A WAKE-UP CALL!
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Resistance unit
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40 Parlor pieces
43 Bar exercises
47 Trailblazing congresswoman Shirley —
49 Power co. supply
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53 Rolling stone's lack
54 Lair
55 Threaded fastener

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19 Asner and Harris
22 Sounds of relief
23 Telly network
24 Fan's cry
25 Sashimi fish
26 Automobile
27 "As I see it," in a text
28 Fish-fowl insert
29 Tom Collins liquor
31 "My word!"
34 Stages
35 Ritzy
36 Part of TNT
37 Truthful
39 "Holy cow!"
40 Con job
41 Columbus' home
42 Evergreens
43 Crossword hint
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45 Lima's land
46 "Shoo!"
48 Quirky

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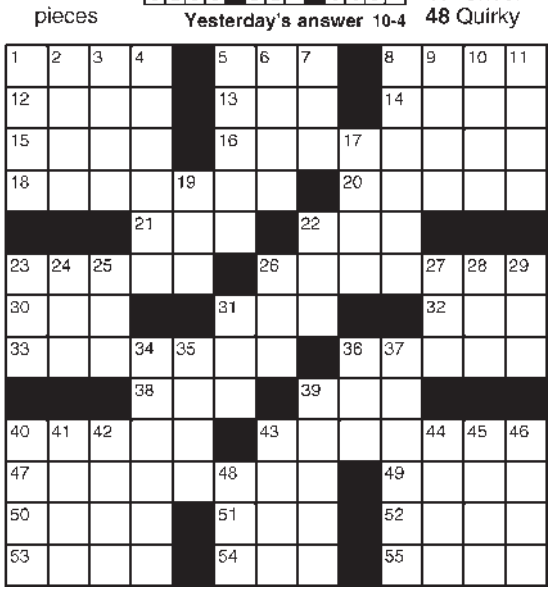

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Happy Birthday: Spread some joy. Kindness and consideration will help you charm your way into opportunities galore this year. Follow through with a disciplined attitude and some concrete ideas to share with the people you want to work alongside, and you'll accomplish plenty. Your personal gain will buy you the freedom to make improvements at home and to the relationships that matter. Love is favored. Your numbers are 6, 11, 23, 28, 31, 34, 42.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Surround yourself with intelligent and helpful people. Team up and see how much you can accomplish. Don't let anger set in if someone disagrees. Be a good listener, but in the end, do what works best for you. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* If you don't reveal your opinions, you'll gather information that can help you decide what is best and who is best for you to work alongside. Put your energy into something that matters to you, and you'll make a difference. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Mingle with people who are excited about reaching similar goals. Put your heads together, and you'll save time. Take an aggressive position in any group you join. Be a leader, not a follower. Romance is encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Keep your life doable. Indulgence will hold you back. Focus on your dream, and use what you must work with to get where you want to go. Don't borrow from others or agree to something you don't want to pursue. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Think twice before you make a move. The suggestions made will be better for the person offering advice than for you. Do your due diligence and do what's feasible. Know your audience, your goal and how to get what you want. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Get involved in something that can open doors. Make new connections, get involved in something that interests you and learn something new. A steady pace, lots of talks and partnering with someone as eager as you will pay off. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A simple change can make a difference in how you live and work. Look at the variables and consider what you can do to tweak your plans to ensure everything runs smoothly. Look for alternatives, and everything will fall into place. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Mix and mingle, discuss concerns, incorporate a schedule and don't second-guess your next move. Embrace life, turn your living space into your castle and entertain people who make you think. Don't be afraid of change. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Concentrate on financial gains. Do something nice for someone you want to impress. Share your long-term plans, and put a timeline in place to help get things moving in a direction that improves your life. Be receptive to new beginnings. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Keep your emotions out of matters concerning work or finances. Be reasonable regarding purchases and what you are willing to take on to get ahead. A change is necessary but must be worthwhile. Do only what's essential. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Invest time and money in yourself. Update your look and the way you do things. Incorporate better technology or the latest gadget geared toward giving you the edge you need to surpass any competition you encounter. Contracts are looking good. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Keep your thoughts and opinions to yourself, and you'll avoid an argument with someone who doesn't share your sentiments. Put your energy into your home, family and romancing someone you deem special. A partnership and shared expenses will give you greater financial freedom. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are charismatic, engaging and wise. You are focused and ambitious.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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WONDERWORD

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Allen rallies Bills to win after Ravens' 4th-down try fails

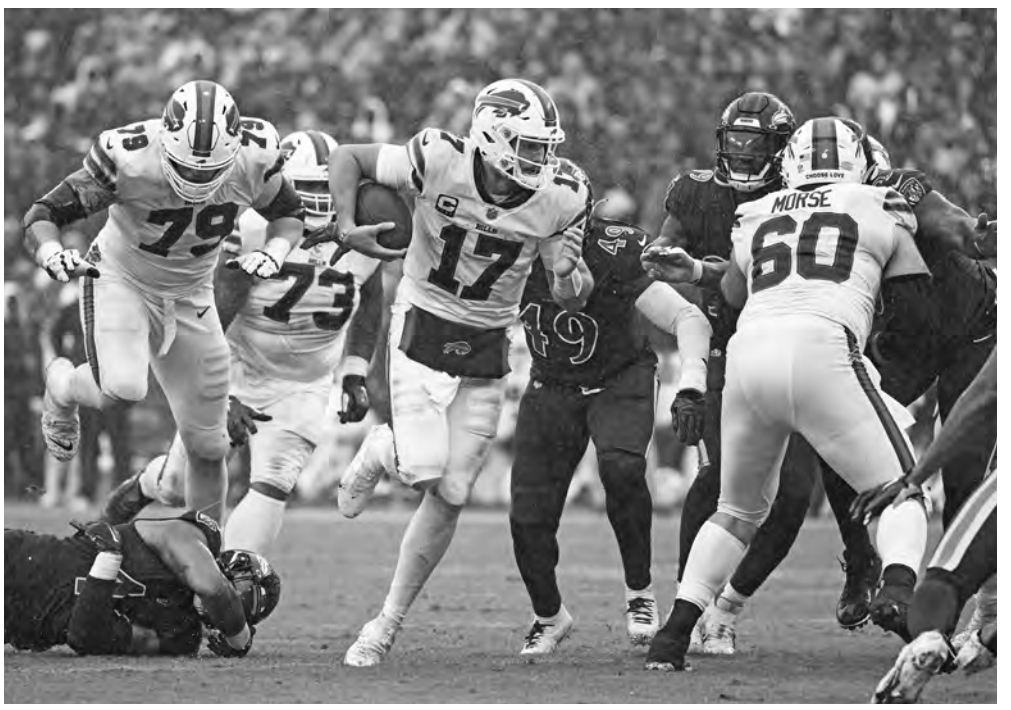
BALTIMORE (AP) — Tyler Bass kicked a 21-yard field goal on the game's final play, and Josh Allen rallied the Buffalo Bills from a 17-point deficit to beat the Baltimore Ravens 23-20 on Sunday.

With the score tied at 20 in the final quarter, the Ravens (2-2) had second down from the Buffalo 1-yard line. Two straight runs failed to reach the end zone.

On fourth-and-2, Lamar Jackson had to scramble, then threw a pass into the end zone that was intercepted by Jordan Poyer for a touchback with 4:09 remaining.

From there, Allen calmly guided Buffalo (3-1) into field goal range, capping his team's comeback from a 20-3 deficit late in the second quarter.

Allen threw for 213 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and Jackson passed for 144 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.



AP

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) runs for a touchdown against the Baltimore Ravens in the second half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, in Baltimore.

Chiefs 41, Buccaners 31

In Tampa, Fla., Patrick Mahomes threw for 249 yards and three touchdowns, including an electrifying jump pass to Clyde Edwards-Helaire, to lead Kansas City past Tom Brady and Tampa Bay.

Playing in a packed stadium only four days after Hurricane Ian ravaged portions of Florida, Mahomes had TD throws of 16 yards to Travis Kelce, 1 yard to Edwards-Helaire and 10 yards to Jody Fortson while making NFL history by reaching 20,000 yards passing faster than anyone else.

Edwards-Helaire and tight end Noah Gray rushed for TDs for the Chiefs (3-1), who won the first meeting between Mahomes and Brady since Tampa Bay's 31-9 rout of Kansas City in the Super Bowl — also played at Raymond James Stadium — two seasons ago.

Vikings 28, Saints 25

In London, Greg Joseph kicked a 47-yard field goal with 24 seconds left and Minnesota hung on to beat New Orleans at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium when Wil Lutz's 61-yard tying attempt hit the left upright and then the crossbar as time expired.

Justin Jefferson beat Marshon Lattimore on a 39-yard reception to set up Joseph's go-ahead kick — after the kicker had missed an extra point earlier in the quarter, leaving the Vikings with a 25-22 lead.

The Saints (1-3) then had an eight-play drive and Lutz made a 60-yard field goal with 1:51 left to tie the game. But Lutz's next attempt was just a little bit off as New Orleans dropped its third straight.

Jefferson had 10 receptions for 147 yards and ran for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter for the Vikings (3-1).

Minnesota squandered multiple scoring chances, settling for field goals — Joseph was 5 for 5 — but still held off a New Orleans team that played without quarterback Jameis Winston and running back Alvin Kamara.

Packers 27, Patriots 24

In Green Bay, Wis., Mason Crosby made a 31-yard field goal as overtime expired and Green Bay beat New England.

Rookie quarterback Bailey Zappe made his debut for New England, playing the majority of the game after Brian Hoyer left with a head injury.

Zappe and the Patriots (1-3) played well enough to force overtime, but Aaron Rodgers bounced back from a dreadful first half.

Each team went three-and-out on its first overtime possession. The Packers (3-1) then marched 77 yards in a 12-play drive that lasted nearly seven minutes before Crosby made his winning kick.

Green Bay had tied the game at 24 on Rodgers' 13-yard touchdown pass to rookie Romeo Doubs with 6:14 remaining.

Jets 24, Steelers 20

In Pittsburgh, Breece Hall ran for a 2-yard touchdown with 16 seconds remaining and New York beat Pittsburgh, which got a spark after rookie quarterback Kenny Pickett relieved the ineffective Mitch Trubisky.

The Jets (2-2) won at Pittsburgh for the second time in franchise history. Zach Wilson, making his season debut, led New York down the field late after the second of Pickett's three interceptions with 3:42 to go.

Wilson took the Jets 65 yards in 10 plays, the last when Hall churned across the goal line.

Wilson finished 18 of 36 for 252 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. He also became the first quarterback in Jets history to catch a touchdown when he hauled in a 2-yard pass from Braxton Berrios in the second quarter.

The Jets were up 10-6 at the half when the Steelers inserted Pickett, who became the first QB in NFL history to run for a pair of touchdowns in his debut. The second was a 2-yard scramble that gave the Steelers (1-3) a 20-10 lead with 13:41 remaining.

Wilson responded with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Corey Davis that drew the Jets within 20-17 with 7:35 to go.

Giants 20, Bears 12

In East Rutherford, N.J., Daniel Jones ran for two touchdowns before injuring an ankle, and Saquon Barkley had 146 yards rushing and ran the wildcat offense at times after both New York quarterbacks were hurt in a win over Chicago.

Jones scored on runs of 21 and 8 yards, New York rushed for 262 yards and Graham Gano kicked field goals of 44 and 43 yards as the Giants improved to 3-1 under rookie coach Brian Daboll. It's their best start since 2011, when they won the Super Bowl.

Michael Badgley kicked four field goals for the Bears (2-2) while filling in for Cairo Santos, who missed the game for personal reasons.

Jones and backup Tyrod Taylor were injured for a roughly 10-minute span in the second half. Jones (8 of 13 for 71 yards and 68 yards rushing) injured an ankle when he was sacked by Jaquan Brisker late in the third quarter. Taylor went into the concussion protocol after scrambling for a first down with 8:35 to go.

Seahawks 48, Lions 45

In Detroit, Geno Smith threw for two touchdowns and ran for a score in the first half, and Seattle held off Detroit.

Smith finished 23 of 30 for 320 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown pass to Will Dissly and a 2-yard pass to Noah Fant. The veteran quarterback ran seven times for 49 yards, including an 8-yard score on his second drive.

The Seahawks (2-2) were stopped on a third down late in the third quarter, but the Ford Field play clock wasn't set properly. Seattle took advantage of the second chance as Rashaad Penny ran 36 yards for a touchdown on third-and-16, opening a 38-23 lead.

T.J. Hockenson had eight receptions and set career highs with 179 yards receiving and two touchdowns, the second of which helped the Lions (1-3) pull within three with 5:26 remaining.

Smith picked apart Detroit on the ensuing drive, which ended with Penny's 41-yard touchdown run on third-and-5. Penny finished with 151 yards rushing on 17 carries.

Eagles 29, Jaguars 21

In Philadelphia, Miles Sanders ran for 134 yards and two touchdowns, Jalen Hurts threw for 204 yards and ran for a score, and Philadelphia beat Jacksonville and former coach Doug Pederson.

Trevor Lawrence threw for 174 yards and two touchdowns to Jamal Agnew. Lawrence was strip-sacked on the final drive of the game, sealing the win for the Eagles. It was one of four lost fumbles for the second-year quarterback.

The Eagles (4-0) shook off an abysmal start — Hurts had a pass intercepted by Andre Cisco and returned 59 yards for a TD. Lawrence hit Agnew from 4 yards out to give the Jaguars (2-2) a 14-0 first-quarter lead.

Hurts then ran virtually untouched up the middle, took a crushing hit at the goal line and powered through for a 20-yard touchdown. It was his fourth rushing TD of the season. Sanders tied it on a 10-yard TD run.

Cowboys 25, Commanders 10

In Arlington, Texas, Cooper Rush won again filling in for Dak Prescott, throwing a touchdown pass to Michael Gallup in the receiver's 2022 debut as Dallas beat Washington.

Rush also had a TD toss to new No. 1 receiver CeeDee Lamb while improving to 4-0 in his career as a starter.

He's led the Cowboys (3-1) to three straight wins since Prescott fractured the thumb on his throwing hand in the season-opening loss to Tampa Bay.

The Commanders (1-3) lost their third straight. Washington had several promising drives stalled by penalties, and flags also wiped out interceptions by Benjamin St.-Juste and Kamren Curl.

Chargers 34, Texans 24

In Houston, Justin Herbert threw for 340 yards and two touchdowns and Austin Ekeler scored three times as Los Angeles built a big early lead, then held on to beat Houston.

Houston scored 17 straight points to get within three with about 8 1/2 minutes left. The Chargers (2-2) then put together a 12-play, 84-yard drive, capped by Ekeler's 14-yard reception, to put the game away and snap a two-game skid.

Ekeler scored on runs of 10 and 20 yards in the second quarter as Los Angeles raced out to a 21-0 lead.

Falcons 23, Browns 20

In Atlanta, Dee Alford intercepted Jacoby Brissett's pass with less than a minute remaining and Atlanta held on to beat Cleveland.

The Falcons (2-2) spoiled the Georgia homecoming of Cleveland's Nick Chubb, who ran for 118 yards and a touchdown with his high school team watching.

Younghoe Koo's 45-yard field goal, his third of the game, with 2:28 remaining gave the Falcons the lead.

The Browns (2-2) moved past the 50 but on third and 23, Alford picked off Brissett's pass intended for David Bell.

Titans 24, Colts 17

Indianapolis, Derrick Henry rushed for a season-high 114 yards and a touchdown and Tennessee's defense held up late to beat Indianapolis.

Tennessee (2-2) has won a franchise-record four straight in the series and improved to 11-2 against AFC South opponents since 2020. The Titans scored no second-half points for the second consecutive week. Henry topped 100 yards in the first half as Tennessee took a 24-3 lead.

Indy (1-2-1) has one win in its past six games and blew late three scoring chances.

Cardinals 26, Panthers 16

In Charlotte, N.C., Kyler Murray threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns and added one rushing as Arizona overcame another lackluster first half to beat Carolina.

Murray threw TD passes of 23 yards to Marquise Brown and 2 yards to Zach Ertz and also ran for a 4-yard score. The Cardinals (2-2) held a 17-minute advantage in time of possession.

Arizona's defense frustrated Baker Mayfield, forcing three turnovers. He had five passes batted at the line of scrimmage and repeatedly overthrew open receivers.

Carolina (1-3) led 10-3 at halftime. Arizona took its first lead in regulation this season on Matt Prater's 39-yard field goal with 11:22 remaining.

Raiders 32, Broncos 23

In Las Vegas, Josh Jacobs ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns, Amik Robertson returned a fumble 68 yards for a score and Las Vegas beat Denver.

After opening their first season under coach Josh McDaniels by losing three straight one-score games, the Raiders (1-3) did enough on the ground with their biggest rushing game in six years and on defense to hold off Russell Wilson and the Broncos (2-2).

Maxx Crosby had two of Las Vegas' three sacks as Denver repeatedly failed to take advantage of good field position.

After getting a 5-yard TD pass from Wilson to Courtland Sutton to cap a 34-yard drive in the first quarter, the Broncos turned three other chances with prime field position into one field goal and the fumble by Melvin Gordon III that Robertson returned for the touchdown.

Padres snag a wild-card berth; Phils' magic number down to 1

SAN DIEGO (AP)— The San Diego Padres are going back to the playoffs for the first time in a full season since 2006, a spot that they clinched during the seventh inning of a 2-1 loss to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

The Padres were batting when the Miami Marlins beat the Milwaukee Brewers in 12 innings. The sellout crowd of 41,407 at Petco Park stood and cheered the sealed wild-card spot. The Padres trailed 2-0 at the time but Kim Haseong homered a few minutes later.

The Padres had a chance to win in the ninth when they put two runners on with two outs against Liam Hendriks but pinch-hitter Jorge Alfaro, who has five walk-off plate appearances this year, grounded out.

It's the seventh playoff berth in franchise history and the fourth since Petco Park opened in 2004. The Padres haven't been to the World Series since 1998.

Lance Lynn (8-7) and Blake Snell (8-10) were locked in a scoreless duel when Elvis Andrus homered off the San Diego lefty with one out in the sixth, his 16th.

Lynn allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked one. Snell allowed one run and three hits in six innings, struck out six and walked one.

Marlins 4, Brewers 3, 12 innings

In Milwaukee, Miguel Rojas knocked in the go-ahead run in the top of the 12th inning to give Miami a win over Milwaukee and deflating Brewers' playoff hopes in the race for the final National League wild-card spot.

Milwaukee (84-75) is two games behind the Philadelphia for the third NL wild card. The Phillies, who beat the Washington Nationals 8-1 in a rain-shortened game Sunday, hold the tiebreaker with the Brewers and both clubs have three games left.

JJ Bleday started the 12th at second for the Marlins, advanced on a ground out and scored when Rojas laced a base hit through the infield off Trevor Gott (3-3).

Tyrone Taylor started at second in the Brewers' half of the 12th. Tanner Scott, the fifth reliever used in the game, struck out Victor Caratini but walked Christian Yelich. Willy Adames flied out. Keston Hiura struck out to end the game that took 4 hours and 12 minutes. Scott picked up his 20th save of the season.

Phillies 8, Nationals 1, 6 innings

In Washington, the Philadelphia Phillies picked up another key victory as they try to end an 11-year playoff drought, using three RBIs apiece from Kyle Schwarber and Bryson Stott, plus Zack Wheeler's five scoreless innings, to beat the Washington Nationals 8-1 Sunday in a rain-shortened game.

The six-inning win helped Philadelphia take three of four from the worst-in-the-majors Nationals to improve to 86-73 after getting to town on a five-game losing streak.

Philadelphia and Milwaukee both have three games left: Philadelphia at Houston, and Milwaukee hosting Arizona.

Braves 5, Mets 3

In Atlanta, Dansby Swanson and Matt Olson homered for the third straight game, Travis d'Arnaud hit a go-ahead two-run single in the third inning, and Atlanta beat New York, completing a three-game sweep of their NL East rival and taking a two-game lead in the division with three games to play.

The defending World Series champion Braves have been chasing the Mets the entire season. In the final series of the season, any combination of one Atlanta win or one Mets loss would give the Braves their fifth straight division title.

New York plays its final three games of the season against worst-in-the-majors Washington. Atlanta closed out the regular season with a three-game set in Miami. Should the season end Wednesday in a tie, Atlanta would win the division after claiming the season series 10-9 with Sunday's victory.

Chris Bassitt (15-9) lasted just 2 2/3 innings for the Mets. Swanson took Bassitt deep to right-center in the first with his 25th homer, and Atlanta took charge with a three-run third.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 5

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit his 702nd career home run and tied Babe Ruth for second on the all-time RBIs, but Pittsburgh got the win over St. Louis.

Ben Gamel and Bryan Reynolds homered for Pittsburgh, which has won four of six. Chase DeJong (6-2) got the win for the Pirates.

Pujols ripped a two-run double in the opening inning, then tied the game at 4 with a homer in the third. Pujols is tied with Ruth for second in RBI (2,214) behind Aaron (2,297).

Orioles 3, Yankees 1

In New York, Aaron Judge won't break the American League home run record at Yankee Stadium, remaining at 61 as New York headed on the road for its final four regular-season games after a loss to Baltimore.

AP

San Diego Padres' Manny Machado, center, celebrates with teammates after hitting a home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox, Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, in San Diego.

Judge struck out three times and walked once, disappointing a crowd of 44,332 that watched the Yankees regular-season home finale in rain for much of a chilly, blustery afternoon.

Trying to become the first Triple Crown winner since Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012, Judge tops the AL with 130 RBIs. His batting average fell to .311, four points behind league leader Luis Arraez of Minnesota.

Baltimore (82-77) guaranteed its first winning season since 2016.

Angels 8, Rangers 3

In Anaheim, Calif., Mike Trout's 39th homer was one of his three hits in Los Angeles' season-best seventh consecutive victory.

Shohei Ohtani extended the majors' longest active hitting streak to 17 games with a first-inning single, equaling his 17-game streak for the Nippon-Ham Fighters in 2016.

Rookie Livan Soto and Taylor Ward also had three hits for the Angels, who swept a six-game homestand for the first time since July 2016.

Corey Seager hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have lost five straight and 11 of 14. Texas was swept in a three-game series at Angel Stadium for the first time since September 2018.

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 3

In Toronto, Teoscar Hernández hit two home runs, Whit Merrifield also connected and Toronto edged closer to clinching home-field advantage in the wild-card round by beating Boston.

The Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep with their 16th win in 19 games against Boston this season. That's the most victories by any major league team against a division opponent this season and the most wins the Blue Jays have had against an opponent in a single season.

Blue Jays right-hander Kevin Gausman left after three innings because of a cut on his right middle finger. Gausman allowed two runs and four hits, struck out four and walked none. Right-hander Zach Pop (4-0) pitched two perfect innings. Jordan Romano finished for his 36th save in 42 chances.

Merrifield went 3 for 3 with two RBIs and scored twice. He's 10 for 20 over his past six games.

Bobby Dalbec hit a solo home run and had three RBIs for the Red Sox.

Astros 3, Rays 1

In Houston, Jeremy Pena hit an early two-run homer and drove in an insurance run late, lifting Houston over Tampa Bay.

One pitch after Jose Altuve's leadoff bunt single, Pena belted a cutter by Rays starter Corey Kluber (10-10) over the right-field fence and into the home bullpen. That put the Astros ahead early, and Houston maintained that lead with strong pitching and key defensive plays, including Pena's diving stop and throw to deny Ji-Man Choi in the fourth inning.

After homering only once in August, Houston's rookie shortstop has five homers since September and is up to 21 for the season.

Athletics 10, ariners 3

In Seattle, Robbie Ray was tagged for home runs by Shea Langeliers, Cristian Pache and Nick Allen, and Seattle's hopes of hosting the AL wild-card series took a serious blow with a loss to Oakland.

Oakland starter James Kaprielian no-hit the Mariners for 5 2/3 innings before giving up a two-out single to Ty France in the sixth inning. Kaprielian (5-9) struck out seven, and beat Seattle for the third time this season.

Langeliers added a second homer in the ninth inning, a three-run shot.

Guardians 7, Royals 5

In Cleveland, Shane Bieber allowed two runs over five innings in his final start before the postseason, Josh Naylor and rookie Will Brennan hit three-run homers and Cleveland defeated Kansas City.

Bieber (13-8) is scheduled to start Game 1 of the wild-card series Friday for the AL Central champions. Cleveland has won 11 of 13 and is an MLB-best 22-5 since Sept. 5.

The right-hander gave up both runs — one unearned —in the fourth and scattered seven hits, struck out three, walked one. Bieber finished the regular season with 198 strikeouts in 200 innings.

Rockies 4, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Germán Márquez gave up one hit over six innings to help Colorado end a seven-game losing streak by beating Los Angeles.

Brendan Rodgers hit a home run for the Rockies, who were victorious for just the second time since Sept. 19.

Trayce Thompson had two of the three hits for the Dodgers, and starter Tyler Anderson (15-5), who is expected to assume the No. 3 spot in the rotation when the playoffs begin, tied a career high with 10 strikeouts in five innings.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 3, 10 innings

In San Francisco, rookie David Villar hit a two-run, bases-loaded single with nobody out in the 10th inning to give San Francisco a win against Arizona in the final game of the season at Oracle Park.

Austin Slater homered for the Giants and Evan Longoria contributed a sacrifice fly in what might have been his final home game in San Francisco.

Jharel Cotton (4-2), the eighth Giants pitcher in a bullpen game, began the 10th by getting Carson Kelly to pop up a bunt. Jake McCarthy's third hit, a single to right, scored automatic runner Daulton Varsho to break a 2-2 tie.

But with two runners in scoring position, Cotton struck out Josh Rojas and retired Pavin Smith on a flyball to prevent the Diamondbacks from adding to their lead.

Tigers 5, Twins 2

In Detroit, Eric Haase and Victor Reyes homered, and Detroit took advantage of Minnesota's sloppy play, including three errors in the first inning, for the win.

Twins' prospect Simeon Woods Richardson (0-1) is the youngest pitcher in the majors this season allowed three runs — two earned — and three hits in five innings. The Twins' defense did him no favors at the start, committing three errors in the first inning.

The Tigers turned the two throwing errors by catcher Ryan Jeffers and a misplay by first baseman Jose Miranda, along with Miguel Cabrera's single, a wild pitch, a walk and a stolen base, into two runs.

Cubs 8, Reds 1

In Chicago, Willson Contreras got several standing ovations in what could be his final home game at Wrigley Field, Marcus Stroman threw six scoreless innings and Chicago won its seventh straight, beating Cincinnati.

Nelson Velázquez drove in four runs and Seiya Suzuki had two hits and two RBIs. The Cubs, aided by three walks and a hit batter, knocked out Chase Anderson in a five-run first and cruised to their 11th win in 12 games in their Wrigley Field season finale.

NBA returning briefly to Seattle; questions of future loom

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The Golden State Warriors play the Sacramento Kings during the second half of an NBA basketball preseason game Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, in Seattle.

SEATTLE (AP)—An NBA preseason game may not seem like a benchmark moment, even in a basketball-hungry city like Seattle, but Jamal Crawford believes there's value even in an exhibition.

"It reignites a whole new generation of kids who need to see this," said Crawford, a Seattle native who has been a basketball ambassador for the city through a 20-year NBA career and now with a pro-am that brings in NBA players every summer. "They need to be able to dream and know that it's real."

The NBA is making its latest brief return to the Emerald City. The Los Angeles Clippers will play the Portland Trail Blazers there on Monday night, the first time two NBA teams will meet in Seattle since 2018, when the Golden State Warriors and Sacramento Kings played a preseason game. That was the last sporting event inside KeyArena before it was gutted and rebuilt into the gleaming Climate Pledge Arena.

There was a warm-up act of sorts Friday when the Clippers played Israeli team Maccabi Ra'anana in an exhibition, one where the most of the Clippers' big names — Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, John Wall and Reggie Jackson — weren't participating.

A sell-out crowd turned out for that Warriors-Kings game four years ago, the first one in Seattle since the beloved SuperSonics left for Oklahoma City in 2008 after 41 years in the Pacific Northwest. Another big crowd is expected Monday.

"The Sonics haven't been a team since I've been in the NBA. So just to go play in Seattle is cool," Blazers star Damian Lillard said. "We played in Vancouver a few years back. I think like two or three years ago, we had a preseason game at the (Memorial) Coliseum. So every time we get to do something like that, I always enjoy it because I wondered what was it like when it was a real thing, when the games were played in these different arenas. So I am excited to play in Seattle."

Someday, possibly soon, the expectations are that Seattle will reclaim its place as an NBA town.

"It's always been a great city to me," Clippers coach Tyronn Lue said Friday. "It's unfortunate that they lost their team and the team went to OKC. This city definitely deserves a team."

Speculation is nonstop about when the NBA will choose to expand. Thanks to the resolution of its arena situation, Seattle seems likely to be at the forefront of those expansion talks, with Las Vegas likely right behind it.

But NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has been noncommittal about a possible expansion timeline, and it seems likely those talks won't pick up steam until the league deals with the new collective bargaining agreement and television deals that are on the horizon.

The community's commitment has never been in question. The appetite of Seattle fans hasn't waned in the years since the Sonics left and as the region became a hotbed for NBA talent, whether it was Crawford continuing to carry the banner for the city, to Zach LaVine of Renton, Washington, to this year's No. 1 overall pick Paolo Banchero, another Seattle native.

As if any reinforcement was needed, the summer provided a perfect example as fans camped overnight outside Crawford's summer league venue for the chance to get inside and watch LeBron James make his first basketball visit to the city in more than a decade.

"Anyone that knows Seattle knows what a great basketball city we are," Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell said this summer when the preseason game was announced.

The idea for having the Blazers and Clippers meet in Seattle was the result of a brainstorm between Lue and Blazers coach Chauncey Billups. The two close friends wanted their teams to meet in the preseason and Lue noted the owners for both teams are Seattle based: Steve Ballmer of the Clippers and Jody Allen for the Blazers.

Wiseman stars as Warriors, Wizards open preseason in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—James Wiseman, who missed all of last season while rehabilitating after a knee injury, scored 20 points Friday as the defending champion Golden State Warriors defeated the Washington Wizards 96-87 to open the NBA preseason.

Wiseman played 24 minutes, connecting on eight of 11 shots, while adding nine rebounds and one block in his return following a right meniscal tear.

Rui Hachimura, a native of Japan who received a robust ovation from the crowd when he was introduced with the Washington starters, led the Wizards with 13 points and nine rebounds. Wiseman and Hachimura were the only players to finish in double figures as both teams substituted freely, particularly in the second half.

Warriors guard Stephen Curry played 13 minutes, going 1 of 7 from the field — a 3-pointer – and finishing with six points. Wizards guard Bradley Beal played 18 minutes and scored nine points.

The exhibition is part of a two-game series in Tokyo between the Warriors and Wizards, the first played in Japan since the Houston Rockets and Toronto Raptors played a preseason game in 2019.

The sellout crowd got glimpses of stars Curry, Draymond Green and Hachimura, as well as Beal. None of the Golden State starters played more than 20 minutes. By the third quarter, the teams were deep into their benches and gave reserves extended time in the game.

Both teams showed some early turnovers and errant passes and shot under 33% in the first half. Both ended the game shooting under 37%.

Warriors starting guard Klay Thompson didn't play, with Jordan Poole starting in his place. Golden State coach Steve Kerr announced before the game that the Warriors were being cautious with Thompson. He returned in January after missing 2 1/2 seasons after suffering a torn ACL in the 2019 NBA Finals, followed by a ruptured Achilles. Thompson is not expected to play in Tokyo.

For the Wizards, Will Barton, who was obtained from Denver in an offseason trade, missed the game with back tightness.

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as they were silenced for the rest of the game and lost, 1-3.

With this game, MP United is at one win and no loss and Matansa is at no win and one loss.

Tan Holdings FC 3, Shirley's 0

In the other boys U16 game of the day, Tan Holdings FC beat Shirley's FC via forfeit, 3-0.

Seven out of the 15 Tan Holdings players are in the U17 National Team as well and includes Mark Jainier Chavez, Anthony Bergancia, Anthony Austria, Jonne Navarro, Monico Claridades, Mark Ryan Costales, and Zhi Xiang Lin.

With this game, Tan Holdings has one win and no loss, and Shirley's has one loss and no win.

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er just three minutes later.

Kanoa veered the ball left and right through the field to ensure Paire had no chance at scoring a goal. With the first half almost over, Kanoa had already scored five goals to Paire's zilch.

Audrey Castro opened the second half with a fiery shot at the goal not once, but twice, which put up Kanoa 7-0. Vianca Mangulabnan followed her lead and scored a goal herself. Not long after, Chavez added another to her goals for three so far in the game.

Paire could not stand a chance against Kanoa's defenders as each shot at the net was denied and they were not able to put up a goal-try as they might.

As Paire's footing was loose throughout the game, Kanoa continued to rack up their goals as Beatrice Gross bagged two, Alejandra Manabat scored one, and Chavez scored one more for a total of four goals in the game.

With this win, Kanoa FC is up one win and Paire is down one loss.

Southern United FC 13, MP United FC 1

No. 13 turned out to be a lucky number for the day as the result for the second game of the day was 13-1 between Southern United Football Club and MP United FC.

Southern United's Rizza Relucio drew first blood two minutes into the game. She scored a total of three goals in the game.

Teammate Summer Manahane collected four goals herself, while Pia Newakl duplicated her goals. Megan Elayda scored the other two goals in the game.

With this win, Southern United is at one win and MP United is at one loss.

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airport last Saturday.

The Torchbearers resumed their streak of winning the girls high school division and retained the top spot in the boys high school division after coming in second during the third qualifier a week prior. They also reclaimed first place in the boys middle school division after coming in sixth in the third qualifier.

In the high school boys division, the Torchbearers smoked the competition with 13 points, Marianas High School came in second with 42 points, and Saipan Southern High School came in third with 63 points.

For the boys high school individual results, just as all the other previous qualifiers, Samuel Zhu of ACS led the way for the high school boys division, coming in first with a time of 19:21. Right behind him was Pony Tang of MHS with a time of 19:36, and Jireh Wang (20:14), Enoch Zhuang (20:15), and Daniel Li (21:13)—all from ACS—made the Top 5.

In the high school girls division, the Torchbearers claimed first place with 20 points, followed by Saipan International School with 30 points, Saipan Southern High School with 48 points, and Mount Carmel School with 58 points.

For the high school girls individual results, Kaithlyn Chavez from SIS continued to come out on top with a time of 21:39. She was followed by Esther Zhuang from ACS at 26:23, and Summer Mandhane from SSHS at 26:27.

In the middle school boys division, the Torchbearers torched the competition as they came in first with 19 points, while Dandan Middle School came in second with 27 points, and Grace Christian Academy came in third with 63 points.

Michael Miller from GCA continued his streak of coming in first for the middle school boys division as he crossed the finish line in 12:47, followed by Landen Taflinger from DMS at 12:56, and Raffy Cai from ACS at 13:07.

ACS administrator Kok H. Pang was asked how the team felt now that the championships loomed closer and he said, "I think most of our student runners don't really think much about it. Everyone is relaxed as there are two weeks of break."

Like the third qualifier, this qualifier had a total of 274 runners take part in the event; and as the previous qualifiers, the high school division course was three miles, the middle school division course was two miles, and the elementary school division course was one mile.

The championship is less than two weeks away from now on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Saipan Country Club.

The results of the elementary school division and middle school girls division will come out in the next edition of *Saipan Tribune.*

Northern Marianas Athletics is coordinating the event along with the Public School System Athletic Program.

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United's Cody Shimizu runs down the field with a Matansa player right behind him in Week 1 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sept. 24.

MP United defeats Matansa FC in boys U16

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In a star-studded game between Matansa Football Club and MP United Football Club, MP United dominated the field, winning the game, 3-1, in Week 1 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sept. 24.

Five out of the 16 MP United FC players are in the NMI U17 Men's National Soccer Team that is playing in Australia for the Asian Football Confederation U17 Asian Cup Qualifiers which includes Casey Chambers, Cody Shimizu, Takeru Jim, Tristan Raho, and Miles Linden. In the opposing team, three out of 20 players in the Matansa FC roster—Jack Paul Lizama, Nolan Ngewakl, and Wataru Kodukora—are in the national team as well.

The match started off slow and quiet, with the boys on both ends trying to get the feel of each other's strengths and weaknesses. Only in the 45th minute of the game did Matansa's Kodokura draw first blood for what will be the only goal of the team.

MP United struggled to find the back of the net, with the ball zooming in and out of the Matansa's defenders, as they continued to look for an opening. Fifty-two minutes into the game, MP United's Cody Shimizu found his footing and a hole in the goalie's defense and scored the first goal for his team. He was followed by teammates Casey Chambers and Jayden Lim who scored goals in the 67th and the 70th minute, respectively.

Matansa was unable to reply

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Kanoa FC shuts down Paire in girls U16

NMIFA
A Paire FC player, in red, dukes it out on the field against a Kanoa FC player during their week one game for the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the NMI Soccer Training Soccer Center in Koblerville on Sept. 24

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Kanoa Football Club shut down Paire Football Club, 13-0, during the first week of matches of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sept. 24.

Kaithlyn Chavez of Kanoa wasted no time as she scored the first goal just four minutes into the game. She gave no chances to Paire as she managed to score anoth-

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Agape tops last qualifier for MS boys and HS cross country

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The entire Agape Christian School cross country team poses for a photo with their coach Kok H. Pang, far right, in the third cross country qualifier at the American Memorial Park last Sept. 24.

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Agape Christian School Torchbearers topped the high school divisions and the boys middle school division in the fourth and last 2022-2023 NMA-PSS All Schools Cross Country qualifier at the Commonwealth Ports Authority field near the

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